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The objects and work of the Department are described on p. 845.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS.

Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal."

Attention is called to the Supplement to this issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," which contains a complete list of articles the importation of which into the United Kingdom has been prohibited, except under licence, by Royal Proclamations of 15th February, 1916, and subsequent dates, and in respect of which applications for licences should be addressed to the Controller, Department of Import Restrictions, 22, Carlisle Place, Westminster, London, S.W. 1.

Copies of this Supplement may be obtained at a cost of 3d. each (3½d. post free), either through any bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office (see addresses on cover), or (in Ireland) from Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

TRADE ENQUIRIES REGARDING MARKETS FOR BRITISH GOODS.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence invites applications from manufacturers and exporters of British goods who are desirous of extending their trade. Such applications should *specify the countries for which information is desired*, and indicate—

(*a*) The precise kind of goods about which the enquirer desires information, and

(*b*) The particular points in regard to which he especially wants to be informed.

Attention is directed to this matter because, if applicants would make their enquiries *more precise*, they would benefit by receiving more precise information. If they desire to do an export trade it would be in their interest to state whether they have already succeeded in obtaining any trade in countries abroad, whether they are represented by agents there, and if so by whom, and whether they are satisfied with their representation.

Trade Enquiries regarding Markets for British Goods.

Applicants for information as to openings abroad may apply direct to H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, the Board of Trade Correspondents in other parts of the Empire, and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign countries, but it is generally desirable that they should apply, *in the first instance*, to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2, because by the adoption of this course much delay may be avoided in those cases in which the Department is already in possession of the required information.

OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

New Sources of Supplies Required.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received at the Department of Commercial Intelligence from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom, and abroad, who wish to get into communication with British manufacturers or producers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Applications have been recorded during the past week for the names of manufacturers or producers of the following (amongst other) articles; British manufacturers or producers of these articles now in a position to supply are invited to make application for the names of the enquirers—

Aluminium sulphate.
Bleached white mercerised sewing yarn.
Canvas, penelope.
Crêpe paper.
Hand cleanser suitable for motorists, mechanics, etc.
Horse shoe nails.
Machinery, etc.—
  Machines for making paper spills.
  Machines to print and number tickets from a reel.
Micrometers.
Note books, cheap.
Ultramarine blue.

Government Contract: Trinity House.

Brooms and Brushes. The Department of Commercial Intelligence is notified that tenders are invited by the Corporation of Trinity House, for the supply of *brooms and brushes* during the year ending 31st March, 1918.

Forms of tender, with all necessary information, may be obtained at Trinity House between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Patterns of the goods required may be inspected at the Trinity Wharf, Blackwall, E.

Sealed tenders, on the proper form, will be received by the Secretary, Trinity House, Tower Hill, London, E.C. 3, up to 10 a.m. on 5th April.

(D.C.I. 15,724.)

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS.

In reading the following notices of possible openings for British goods abroad, regard should be had to the necessity for taking strict precautions against trading with the enemy—*see* the Notes on pp. 717–8 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th March—also to the restrictions on trading in certain goods and the special regulations in regard to trading with certain countries, which have been notified from time to time in the "Board of Trade Journal." *In any case of doubt or difficulty concerning the various regulations, information may be obtained either by letter or on personal application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.*

Openings for British Trade.

CANADA.

Supplies for Motor Industry and Hardware Trade.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada (Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes) reports that an agent in Montreal, claiming to be thoroughly conversant with the motor industry and allied trades, desires to obtain the representation, on a commission basis, of United Kingdom manufacturers of goods which can be sold to the motor industry and hardware trade, but not competing with agencies for motor accessories already held. The enquirer has furnished some particulars of the terms on which he would like to work, and these, together with his name and address, may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (128) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 14,833.)

Piece Goods.

The Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports that an agent in Montreal desires to obtain agencies for United Kingdom manufacturers of *woollen, worsted, or cotton piece goods*, for jobbing and making-up trades. *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, desirous of appointing an agent in Montreal district, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (129) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 14,886.)

Staple Goods for Sale by Druggists, Grocers, Stationers and Hardware Stores.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Vancouver (Mr. P. G. Shallcross) reports that a firm in that city desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *any good staple lines*, particularly lines not already on the Canadian market, in which business could be done through the *druggist, grocery, hardware*, and *stationery trades*. This firm is prepared to take up agencies for the Dominion, but the territory to which it pays special attention is Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, throughout which it claims to have good connections. *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

United Kingdom manufacturers of goods such as those referred to, desirous of doing business in Canada, may obtain the name and address of the firm referred to on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (130) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 14,836.)

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The following enquiries have been received at the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2, *whence further information may be obtained* :— (D.C.I. 16,159.)

HOME ENQUIRY.

Canadian Refined Zinc, Copper and Lead: *Agent's services offered.*

A London metallurgist wishes to obtain agencies for Canadian producers of refined zinc, copper and lead.

CANADIAN ENQUIRY.

Canadian Flour: *Agents' services offered.*

An old established Montreal firm, having a large connection among Canadian flour mills, would be glad to act as buying agents for United Kingdom firms seeking supplies of Canadian flour.

Note.—For further information regarding either of the foregoing enquiries application should be made to the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

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Openings for British Trade.

CANADA—*continued.*

Materials and Accessories for Lumber Mill, etc.

According to the official "Canada Gazette" of 24th February, the Canadian Trunk Pacific Railway Company has selected a site in the Prince Rupert harbour area for the erection of a lumber mill and other works.

Materials and Accessories for Railway, Telegraph and Telephone Systems, Hotels, etc.

Notice is given in the "Gazette" of 10th February that the "Kenora and English River Railway Company" intends to apply for authority for the construction and working of a railway from a point on the Trans-continental Railway, in the district of Kenora (Ontario), to Winnipeg; for the con-construction and working of telegraph and telephone lines; for the erection of hotels; and for other works.

AUSTRALIA. NEW ZEALAND.

Hardware; Tools.

An agent who claims to be in close touch with the hardware trade in Australia and New Zealand, and to have connections in both countries, is desirous of getting into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of hardware, with a view to representing them in the Dominions named. The goods for which agencies are desired are: *Bolts, nuts, rivets, screws of all kinds, builders' hardware, shovels of all kinds, picks, mattocks, hoes, steel rope, box strapping, horse shoes, wrought iron, enamelled kitchen ware, saddlers' and coach hardware, marine hardware, fencing wire,* and *droppers.* While realising that it is not possible to obtain some of the above-mentioned goods at present owing to restrictions on exports (*see Notice to Exporters on p.* 798), the enquirer wishes to establish relations with United Kingdom manufacturers now, with a view to business *after the war.* Communications in this connection should be addressed to the High Commissioner in London for New Zealand, 413, Strand, W.C. 2, and marked "F.D.T."

(D.C.I. 15,053.)

TERRITORY KNOWN AS "GERMAN EAST AFRICA."

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is in receipt of a number of sheets of advertisements of machines, implements and other goods of German manufacture, which have been collected by a member of the East African Field Force operating in the Territory known as "German East Africa." These advertisements, which are illustrated and in German, are of interest as showing in what goods German firms sought to build up trade in that Territory, and in forwarding them the opinion is expressed that there are good openings there for the following, among other, British goods of a like description (see *Note* below):—

Plant and Machinery for Sugar Cane, Sisal Hemp, Coffee, Cocoa and Cotton Plantations.

There should be a market for *plant*, of not too elaborate a type, for dealing with sugar cane in all its processes. *Machinery* is also required for manipulating sisal hemp, and an opening offers for pumps and machinery for coffee, cocoa and cotton plantations.

Boilers: Agricultural Tractors.

Boilers for sale in "German East Africa" should be fitted with fireboxes suitable for burning wood fuel. Most of the *agricultural tractors* of German manufacture at present employed in the Territory have had the boiler firebox specially extended to take wood logs.

Axes; Hoes; Ploughs; Lanterns; Galvanised Roofing and Wire.

A good business is to be done in *axes, hoes, etc.* (including those for natives), and a good cheap *two-furrow plough* for draught by oxen might find a market. *Storm and other lanterns* are in demand, and *galvanised iron roofing* and *galvanised wire* should find a good opening.

Openings for British Trade.

TERRITORY KNOWN AS "GERMAN EAST AFRICA"—*continued.*

Light Tramways and Rolling Stock.

Light tramways, with *trucks* pushed by natives, are a very usual and popular form of conveyance in the Territory, and a big business might be done in this line if the price is satisfactory.

The above-mentioned advertisements may be consulted by United Kingdom firms at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

[*Note.*—With reference to the foregoing, regard should be had to the restrictions on the exportation of certain goods from the United Kingdom (see Notice to Exporters on p. 798), also to the notice on p. 335 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st February relative to exports to the British Occupied Territory in "German East Africa."] (D.C.I. 14,458.)

SPAIN.

Dress Materials; Garter, etc. Fabric; Sewing Needles, etc.; Laces.

H.M. Consul-General at Barcelona (Mr. C. S. Smith) reports that an agent in that city, claiming to have good connection, desires to obtain agencies for United Kingdom manufacturers of *cotton, silk, and woollen dress materials; garter elastic, etc.; sewing needles, etc.*, and *Nottingham laces*. *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, desirous of appointing an agent in Barcelona, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (131) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 14,550.)

ITALY.

Textiles; Oils.

The British Vice-Consul at Taranto (Mr. F. Watson) reports that a firm in that town would be prepared to act as general agents for United Kingdom manufacturers of the under-mentioned goods. The firm would also make purchases on its own account. The goods referred to are *woollen, linen* and *cotton goods* (especially *handkerchiefs*), and *heavy oils*. This list might be added to, if it were found that profitable business could be done in the goods named. In this connection it is stated that if satisfactory arrangements as regards credit could be made business should ensue, and, though perhaps small at first, would eventually be worth while.

Under existing conditions, prices inclusive of transport to Taranto, but exclusive of duty charges, should be quoted. If it were found impossible for large quantities of goods to be sent at present, the firm would be glad to receive small consignments to serve as samples, in order to build up a connection for trade *after the war*. *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of U. K. goods, desirous of being represented at Taranto, may obtain the name and address of the firm referred to on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. In making application the reference number (132) should be quoted. (D.C.I. 15,117.)

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The following enquiries *for United Kingdom sources of supply* of the under-mentioned goods have been received by the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy, 7, Via Carlo Felice, Genoa, *to which address all communications regarding the enquiries should be sent*:—

Belting and Belt Fasteners.

An exporter at Turin wishes to buy *belting* and *belt fasteners*. (1,237.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Press Filters; Chemical Works Plant.

A firm of chemical manufacturers at Palermo requires *press filters* and *chemical works plant*. (1,243.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

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ITALY—*continued.*

Brilliants; Watches, Clocks, etc.

A Brindisi merchant wishes to sell on commission for, or would buy for his own account from, manufacturers and exporters of *brilliants, watches, clocks, etc.* (1,236.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Belting; Packings; Engineering Goods.

A Genoa agent would buy for his own account from, or would sell on commission for, manufacturers and exporters of *belting, packings,* and *engineering goods.* (1,240.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Electric Lamps and Electrical Supplies.

A firm with works at Turin desires to purchase *electric lamps,* and *other electrical supplies.* (1,247.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Glove Materials, Buttons, and Fasteners.

A glove agent and exporter at Naples wishes to buy *imitation skins, materials, and cotton, woollen, silk, etc. stuffs for making gloves,* also all kinds of *glove buttons and fasteners.* (1,248.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Office Sundries; Waterproofs.

A Genoa commission agent wishes to sell on commission for, or buy for his own account from, manufacturers of *office sundries,* and *waterproofs.* (1,253.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Electric Lamps and Electrical Supplies.

A firm at Reggio Emilia wishes to purchase *electric lamps, insulators, and other electrical supplies and sundries.* (1,252.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Piece Goods; Soft Goods; Novelties; Haberdashery.

An agent in Rome desires to sell on commission for, or to buy for his own account from, manufacturers of *piece goods, underlinen and lingerie, drapery, novelties, and haberdashery.* (1,254.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Hard Haberdashery.

A merchant in Venice wishes to buy for his own account from manufacturers of *sewing needles, pins, crochet needles, press-buttons, thimbles, fancy hair pins, etc.* (1,258.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Machinery; Tools.

An agent in Rome is willing to represent, or would buy for his own account from, manufacturers of *machinery* and *tools.* (1,263.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Chemicals; Engineering Sundries.

A Genoa merchant desires to buy for his own account from manufacturers of *chemicals* and *engineering sundries for cotton mills, dye works, and iron foundries.* (1,265.) *See Notice to Exporters on p.* 798.

Note.—Communications regarding any of the foregoing enquiries should be addressed by United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters to the Secretary, British Chamber of Commerce for Italy, 7, Via Carlo Felice, Genoa, quoting the relative reference numbers in brackets. (D.C.I. 13,779.)

CHILE.

Accessories for Electric Lighting.

The "Diario Oficial" (Santiago) of 2nd January publishes a Decree, dated 27th December, 1916, granting to Señores Sougarret Hnos. y Compañia permission to instal an electric lighting system, by means of overhead cables, in the town of Ercilla. Work must be commenced within a period of six months from the date of the Decree, and completed within a further twelve months.

Openings for British Trade.

CHILE—*continued.*

The same issue of the "Diario" contains a further Decree, granting a period of one year, as from 15th December, 1916, to Don Luis E. Silva to complete the installation of electric lighting in the towns of Llolleo and San Antonio.

Accessories for Tramway Construction.

The "Diario" of 10th January publishes a Decree, dated 6th January, granting to Don Eugenio Cibié, concessionaire of a tramway system (mechanical traction) between Santiago, Barrancas, El Resbalon and Cerro Navia, permission to construct and work branch lines between Barrancas and Pudahuel and between El Resbalon and the town of Lampa. The gauge of the lines will be 0·75 metres (about 2½ feet), and the length of the first branch will be about 5½ kilometres (3½ miles), and of the second 22 kilometres (nearly 14 miles). Plans for the construction of the two lines must be submitted for the approval of the Government within periods of six months and two years respectively from the date of the Decree.

The Padahuel branch must be commenced within six months from the date of the approval of the plans and be completed within 18 months, while the construction work on the Lampa branch must be commenced within six months and be completed within five years.

OPENINGS FOR TRADE IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, the Board of Trade Correspondents in other parts of the Empire, and from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Department of Commercial Intelligence.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate, and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1916, 575 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 128,662 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

A small charge is made for the service, *which includes the regular supply of the "Board of Trade Journal."* Firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

The "Journal" itself contains information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Comptroller-General of the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2, for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES AFFECTING TRADE.

EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND.

The Board of Trade desire to draw the attention of traders to the Proclamation which was issued on 13th March, prohibiting the export of various articles to Switzerland, and particularly to impress upon them that the Proclamation does not in any way modify the arrangements made between the Société Suisse de Surveillance Economique and His Majesty's Government regarding trade with Switzerland. The effect of the Proclamation is merely to prohibit the exportation to Switzerland of certain articles which could, before the issue of the Proclamation, be exported without a licence to that country if consigned to the Société Suisse de Surveillance Economique. *These articles can now only be exported to Switzerland under licences granted by the War Trade Department.*

It should be explained that the Schedule to the Proclamation embraces all the articles which have hitherto been required to be consigned to the Société—see list on pp. 865–880 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st September last, and the additions and modifications in the notice on pp. 873–4 of the "Journal" of 21st December, 1916. The exportation of most of these articles is already prohibited to Switzerland except under licence. The additional articles in respect of which a licence is required, by virtue of the present Proclamation, are as follows:—

Acid—
  Palmitic.
Alcohol, potable.
Barm.
Cashew nuts.
Cotton stearine.
Curriers' crystolon grease.
Dress protectors.
Feathers.
Feather waste.
Fuller's earth.
Lime, acetate and pyrolignite of.
Liqueurs.
Papers, sensitised.
Nitrate of soda, raw.
Teeth, artificial.
Whisky.

The Proclamation also makes the following alterations in the list referred to:—

Boots and shoes, rubber and leather; also parts of same and grindery used in making same—

Should read—

Boots and shoes, rubber and leather, including footwear in textile with leather soles or parts, parts thereof, and grindery used in the manufacture thereof.

Celluloid, raw, in bulk, sheets, rods, tubes, clippings and waste (but not wares)—

Should read—

Celluloid, raw, in bulk, sheets, rods, tubes, clippings, and celluloid waste.

Coin, gold, silver, nickel, bronze and copper—

Should read—

Coin, nickel, bronze and copper.

Lead (ore and metal, pure and alloyed) in all forms—

Should read—

Lead (ore and metal, pure and alloyed) in all forms, including lead type, old or new.

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EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND—*continued.*

Nickel: ore, metal, pure and alloyed, all forms: coin—

Should read—

Nickel: ore, metal, pure and alloyed, all forms.

Money (see coin)—

Should read—

Money, except gold, silver or paper money.

Soap, including "Monkey Brand" soap. Perfumed toilet soaps—

Should read—

Soap, Perfumed toilet soaps.

Surgical instruments and apparatus, including drain tubes and rubber gloves—

Should read—

Surgical, medical, and orthopœadic instruments and apparatus, including drain tubes and rubber gloves.

The following items are deleted:—

Chemical preparations for pharmacy, not otherwise specified.
Gas, asphyxiating (materials for manufacture of).
Gold: bullion, ingots, bars, dust, battered articles, coin.
Samples.
Silver: raw, bar, ingot, powder, scrap, coin.

EXPORTS TO DENMARK.

The Foreign Office notify, in modification of the previous announcement (see the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14th September, 1916, pp. 765–6), that the restriction therein specified on the shipment of *vegetable fibres* to Denmark has been cancelled.

RESTRICTION ON EXPORTS OF BRASS MANUFACTURES.

With reference to the prohibition of exportation from the United Kingdom to all destinations of all articles wholly or partly manufactured of copper or its alloys (see p. 16 of the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st March), the War Trade Department desires to remind exporters that the exportation of *brass goods* is prohibited under the heading of articles manufactured of copper or its alloys. (D.C.I. 15,756.)

STATUTORY LIST OF FIRMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Removal from List.

An Order-of-Council, dated 23rd March, further amends the "Statutory List" of persons and bodies of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, with whom trading is prohibited, by the deletion therefrom of the name of the firm of George W. McNear, Inc., Insurance Exchange Building, 433, California Street, San Francisco, California.

APPROVED CONSIGNEES IN CHINA AND SIAM.

The "London Gazette" of 27th March publishes additions to and a correction in the lists of approved consignees in China and Siam, published as a Supplement to the "London Gazette" of 16th February.

The "Gazette" referred to may be obtained, price 1s. 1d. per copy (post free) through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office (see addresses on cover), or (in Ireland) from Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

The revised lists of approved consignees in China and Siam may be consulted by British firms at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. Applications for further information in regard to firms on these lists should be addressed to the Controller, Foreign Trade Department, Lancaster House, St. James', S.W. 1.

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RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF PAPER, ETC.

Regulations respecting Licences.

The following revised regulations as to licences for the importation of paper and paper-making materials, which came into force on 1st March, have been issued by the Royal Commission on Paper:—

Under the provisions of the Proclamation of 15th February, 1916, no paper or paper-making materials may be imported into the United Kingdom by any person other than those who are licensed by the Commission, or by an agent acting on behalf of a person so licensed.

Printed Matter, Coated Paper, Paper Hangings, etc.

The importation of printed forms, writing paper with printed headings, calendars, showcards, labels, posters, and colour or lithographic printing, and other printed and coated paper and paper hangings will not be permitted.

The importation of such printed matter as newspapers, magazines, periodicals, catalogues, price lists, and unbound books, other than single copies sent through the post, will not be permitted, except in special cases for which a licence may be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Wrapping and Packing Paper, Straw and other Boards, Boxes and Cartons.

Licences may be granted to importers of wrapping and packing paper, strawboard, millboard, wood pulp board, cardboard, pasteboard, and boxes and cartons of paper, cardboard, etc., to import during the 12 months commencing 1st March, 1917, one-fourth of the weight which they imported in the previous year on other than special extra licences. Extra licences for the importation of these goods for Government purposes will be granted by the Commission only on production of an authority from the Department concerned.

Other Paper.

Licences may be granted to importers of paper other than that which is included in Regulations 2 and 3, to import during the 12 months commencing 1st March, 1917, one-half of the weight of such paper which they imported in the previous year on other than special extra licences.

Paper-Making Materials.

Licences may be granted to paper makers to import during the 12 months commencing 1st March, 1917, one-half of the weight of paper-making materials which they imported in the previous year on other than special extra licences. Licences may be granted in exceptional cases to dealers in paper-making materials. (D.C.I. 15,415.)

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PAPER RESTRICTION ORDER, 1917.

Days of Grace for Use of Posters, Catalogues, etc., extended to 21st April.

With reference to the notice on pp. 766–8 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," relative to the Paper Restriction Order, 1917, and more particularly to the extension of the time allowed for the completion of posters and the dispatch of catalogues, price lists, and circulars when the production of such posters, catalogues, price lists, and circulars was actually begun before 3rd March, it is notified that the Royal Commission on Paper has been authorised by the Board of Trade to extend by general licence the time allowed for the completion of such posters, etc., from 24th March to 21st April. No application to the Paper Commission for a licence is necessary in those cases.

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DEALINGS IN SPELTER.

Licences Required. Returns to be Furnished.

The Minister of Munitions has issued an Order, under date 23rd March, ordering as follows:—

1. No person shall, as from the date hereof until further notice, purchase, sell, or, except for the purpose of carrying out a contract in writing existing prior to such date for the sale or purchase of spelter, enter into any transaction or negotiation in relation to the sale or purchase of spelter, situated outside the United Kingdom, except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

2. No person shall, as from the date hereof until further notice, purchase or take delivery of any spelter situated in the United Kingdom, except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, or sell, supply or deliver any such spelter to any person other than the holder of such a licence and in accordance with the terms thereof; provided that no such licence shall be required in the case of any sale, purchase or delivery of such spelter for the purpose of necessary repairs or renewals involving the use of not exceeding 1 cwt. of such spelter.

3. No person shall, as from the date hereof until further notice, except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, use any spelter for the purpose of any manufacture or work except:—

(*a*) For the purpose of a contract or order for the time being in existence certified to be within Class "A" in the Order of the Minister of Munitions as to priority dated the 8th March, 1917, and made in substitution for Circular L. 33.

(*b*) For the purpose of necessary repairs or renewals involving the use of not exceeding 1 cwt. of spelter.

4. All persons shall, in the first seven days of each month, commencing with the month of April, 1917, send in to the Director of Materials (A. M. 2 C), Ministry of Munitions, Hotel Victoria, London, W.C. 2, monthly returns of:—

(*a*) All spelter held by them, in stock or otherwise under their control, on the last day of the preceding month, specifying the quality thereof.

(*b*) All spelter purchased or sold by them for future delivery and not yet delivered on such last day, specifying the names of the sellers to or purchasers from them, and the quantity and quality, and time and place of delivery in each case, and the position of the spelter at the date of the return.

(*c*) All spelter delivered to them during the preceding month, and from whom purchased.

(*d*) All contracts or orders existing on the last day of, or entered into during, the preceding month requiring for their execution the use of spelter, specifying the purposes thereof and the quality of the spelter to be used.

(*e*) Such other particulars as to spelter as may be required by the Director of Materials.

Notwithstanding the above, no return is required from any person whose total stock of spelter in hand and on order for future delivery to him has not at any time during the preceding month exceeded one ton.

5. For the purpose of this order the expression spelter shall mean spelter of all qualities, and shall include sheet and rolled zinc, scrap zinc, hard spelter, dross, zinc ashes, flux skimmings and zinc dust.

6. *All applications for licences should be made to the Director of Materials (A.M.2.C.), Ministry of Munitions, Hotel Victoria, London, W.C. 2, and marked "Spelter Licence."*

NOTE.—Every applicant for a licence must state the amount and quality of metal required by him per month, and the use to which it will be put.

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TRADING IN WAR MATERIAL.

Wrought-Iron Scrap.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 30 (A) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Minister of Munitions has ordered, under date 22nd March, that the war material to which the regulation applies shall include war material of the following class, that is to say :—

Wrought-iron scrap.

Notice of Addition to General Permit.

With reference to the above Order, the Minister of Munitions has given notice that the General Permit of 1st November, 1916, under the Orders of the 7th July and 31st October, 1916, shall henceforth take effect as if the war material referred to in the above Order were included in the Order of the 31st October, 1916, and the following material and prices were specified in the Schedule to the same General Permit, provided always that Condition of the said General Permit shall not apply to any sale or purchase of the war material referred to in the above Order of this date under a contract in writing entered into prior to the date of this notice.

Maximum prices above referred to for wrought-iron scrap.

1. (*a*) Wrought-iron plates and sectional material $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick and over, each piece separate, reasonably clear of rivets, without any flanged end plates or circular angles and plates, all suitable for shearing	£6 5 0	per ton.
(*b*) Heavy wrought-iron scrap $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick and over, including horse-shoes	£5 15 0	„
(*c*) Heavy wrought-iron scrap $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick and over, including heavy country wrought-iron scrap	£5 5 0	„

2. To the above-mentioned prices for wrought-iron scrap a sum not exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on such prices may be added in the case of sales by recognised scrap merchants.

All these prices for wrought-iron scrap are free on rail or free in barge at the nearest convenient siding or wharf to the place where the scrap lies at the time of sale.

All communications with reference to the above Order should be made to the Director of Steel Production, Room 381, Ministry of Munitions of War, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1.

MANUFACTURE OF AND DEALINGS IN ELECTRIC LAMP GLASS.

The Minister of Munitions has issued a further Order, under date 23rd March, ordering that all persons shall comply with the following Regulations relative to the manufacture of and dealings in electric lamp glass :—

Manufacture.

(1) No person shall manufacture any electric lamp glass unless the purpose for which such glass is required has been approved. Such approval must be evidenced by one or other of the following, which must be quoted by the ordering firm to the manufacturer, together with the purpose for which the glass is required :—

(*a*) Reference to and number of an Admiralty, War Office or Ministry of Munitions contract for which the glass is necessary; or

(*b*) A certificate authorising the supply, issued on behalf of the Minister of Munitions by the Director of Optical Munitions and Glassware Supply.

(2) Manufacturers of electric lamp glass are required to render to the Director of Optical Munitions and Glassware Supply at regular intervals full and accurate returns of their manufacture and output of electric lamp glass in accordance with the directions from time to time given by the said Director.

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MANUFACTURE OF AND DEALINGS IN ELECTRIC LAMP GLASS—*continued.*

Purchase and Sale Outside the United Kingdom.

(3) No person shall buy, sell or deal in any electric lamp glass situated or to be manufactured outside the United Kingdom unless a certificate authorising such purchase, sale or dealing has been issued on behalf of the Minister of Munitions by the Director of Optical Munitions and Glassware Supply.

Definition Clause.

(4) For the purpose of this Order electric lamp glass shall include all glass intended for use in the manufacture of electric lamps, except glass used or intended for use in lamp caps for insulating purposes, but shall not include glass shades and similar accessories.

(5) All applications in reference to the above Order should be made to the Director of Optical Munitions and Glassware Supply, Ministry of Munitions of War, 117, Piccadilly, W. 1.

MAXIMUM PRICES FOR RAILS.

Notice of Modification of General Permit.

The following announcement has been issued, under date 22nd March, by the Ministry of Munitions of War:—

With reference to the Orders made by the Minister of Munitions on the 7th July and 31st October, 1916, applying Regulation 30 (A) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations to war material consisting of certain classes and descriptions of metallurgical coke, pig iron and steel, and to the general permit for dealing in such war material issued by the Minister of Munitions on the 1st November, 1916, the Minister of Munitions gives notice that the said general permit is modified by the deletion from the Schedule thereto of the following words:—

	Per ton net f.o.t. at point of purchase. £	s.	d.
Relayable rails 50 lb. per yard and over...	10	0	0

and by the insertion in the said Schedule, immediately before the maximum basis prices for high-speed tool steel, of the following words:—

Maximum Prices for Second-hand Rails.

	Per ton net f.o.t. at point of purchase. £	s.	d.
Relayable and other second-hand rails 50 lb. per yard and over, not being heavy steel melting scrap ...	10	0	0

To the above-mentioned price a sum not exceeding 2½ per cent. on such price may be added in the case of sales by recognised merchants.

Rails which have been purchased by a merchant and stored or sorted by him in his stockyard, and which are sold as relayable rails or otherwise than as heavy steel melting scrap, may be sold by the said merchant at a price not exceeding £12 0s. 0d. per ton free on trucks at merchant's stockyard, or the nearest convenient siding thereto, but without the addition of the above-mentioned 2½ per cent.

All communications with reference to the above Order should be made to the Director of Steel Production, Room 381, Ministry of Munitions of War, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER.

Committee appointed.

The President of the Board of Trade has appointed a Committee to consider and report what steps should be taken, whether by legislation or otherwise, to ensure that there shall be an adequate and economical supply of electric power for all classes of consumers in the United Kingdom, particularly for industries which depend upon a cheap supply of power for their development.

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SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER—*continued.*

The Committee is constituted as follows: The Right Hon. F. Huth-Jackson (Chairman); Mr. H. Booth; Mr. James Devonshire; Mr. J. Falconer, M.P.; Mr. G. H. Hume; Mr. John Kemp; Mr. H. H. Law, M.Inst.C.E.; Mr. C. H. Merz; Sir Charles Parsons, K.C.B.; Sir John Snell, M.Inst.C.E.; Alderman C. F. Spencer; and Mr. A. J. Walter, K.C.

The Secretary of the Committee is Mr. M. J. Collins, to whom all communications regarding the work of the Committee should be addressed at the Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF RAILWAY WAGONS.

In view of the extreme importance of securing that the utmost possible use shall be made of the available supply of railway wagons, the Board of Trade have now issued Orders, which come into force in Great Britain at the beginning of April, fixing the times beyond which the retention of a railway wagon by a trader will be an offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. The times allowed are in general one complete day for loading and two for unloading. Three days (four in Scotland) are allowed for unloading shipment traffic at ports, and two days are allowed in Scotland for loading wagons with coal for shipment. The Orders do not apply to coal traffic in England and Wales.

Further Orders give power to Railway Companies themselves to unload wagons which are not unloaded by the trader within the prescribed times, and to make use of private owners' wagons on the return journey so that the unnecessary haulage of empty wagons may be avoided.

These Orders are being printed as Statutory Rules.

Where necessary, the periods at present allowed before demurrage charges accrue will be amended so as to accord with the periods fixed by these Orders.

[NOTE.—Copies of Statutory Rules and Orders may be obtained at a small charge, usually 1d. each (post free 1½d.), from H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2).]

UTILISATION AND FEEDING OF HORSES.

Committee Appointed.

The Government have had under consideration the amount of grain consumed by the horse stock in the country, both in its relation to the general food question and to the problem of tonnage. Closely associated with these matters is the supply of horses to the Army, and the necessity of drawing the supply more largely from sources within the United Kingdom. To deal with these questions the President of the Board of Trade, in consultation with the other Departments concerned, has appointed a Committee on the Utilisation and Feeding of Horses.

Mr. R. H. Selbie has been appointed Chairman of the Committee, and the other members represent the War Office, Local Government Board, Board of Agriculture, Ministry of Food, and Board of Trade. The Secretary is Mr. H. D. Henderson, Gwydyr House, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Enemy Businesses to be Wound up.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound up:—

426. Adolf Rosenberg, Ltd., Victoria Warehouse, Rockvilla, Glasgow, Glass and China Merchants. *Controller*: R. M. Maclay, 209, West George Street, Glasgow. 14th March, 1917.

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TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916—*continued.*

430. Samuel Meggitt and Sons, Limited, Hamilton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham. Makers of Glue, Gelatines, and Fertilisers. *Controller:* Robert B. Baggaley, Armitage Chambers, Victoria Street, Nottingham. 16th March, 1917.

431. Kayser and Co., 4, New London Street, London, E.C. Wine Merchants. *Controller:* Ernest Norton, 3, Crosby Square, London, E.C. 26th March, 1917.

[A list of the names of firms which have been ordered by the Board of Trade to be wound up (complete to 25th January) was issued as a Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st February.]

FOOD ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS.

The Ministry of Food announce that the following Orders have been made regulating the supply, etc., of food:—

The Food (Conditions of Sale) Order, 1917.

An Order, which came into effect on 23rd March, is to the effect that in the sale or proposed sale of any article of food, no person may impose or attempt to impose any condition involving the purchase of any other article. The effect of this Order will be to put an end to the practice of grocers making the sale of sugar conditional upon other purchases, and it applies equally to the sale of other articles of food.

The Swedes (Prices) Order, 1917.

An Order, dated 21st March, orders that, except under the authority of the Food Controller, no person shall sell or offer to sell any Swedes or Swedish turnips at a price (including the cost of bags or other packages) exceeding the rate of 1½d. per lb.

The Malt (Restriction on Shipping) Order, 1917.

This Order, which came into force on 26th March, orders that, except under the authority of the Food Controller, no person shall export, ship or consign any malt—

(*a*) from Ireland to any destination in any part of Great Britain, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; or

(*b*) from any part of Great Britain to any destination in Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. (D.C.I. 15,407.)

Maintenance of Milk Supply.

The Food Controller announces that in view of the national importance of the maintenance of the supply of milk, it is recognised that maximum prices have been fixed which may, if the difficulties of dairy farmers increase, have the effect of discouraging production. The President of the Board of Agriculture and the Secretary for Scotland have accordingly conferred with the Food Controller on the subject, and have agreed to the following statement:—

"The prices to be fixed for next winter will be considered by the Agricultural Departments in good time before the period for making contracts arrives, so as to make the maintenance of milk production certain and commercially profitable in comparison with other branches of the farming industry."

An Order will be issued amending the Price of Milk Orders, 1917, so that the increase in prices sanctioned by those Orders is based on the summer prices of 1914 instead of those of 1913.

Distribution of Sugar: Committee Appointed.

Lord Devonport has appointed a Committee to consider the system at present adopted by the Royal Commission on Sugar Supplies for the distribution of sugar, and to report what further steps should be taken to arrange the allocation of existing supplies.

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FOOD ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS—*continued.*

The Committee, which will meet immediately and report without delay, consists of:—The Right Hon. Lord Somerleyten, K.C.V.O., P.C. (Chairman); The Right Hon. Thomas R. Ferens, M.P.; Mr. Arthur Richardson, M.P.; Mr. B. H. Burton; Mr. H. G. Emery; Mr. A. J. Giles; Mr. C. R. Liddell; and Mr. H. J. May.

Captain S. G. Tallents, of the Ministry of Food, will act as Secretary, and communications should be addressed to him at Grosvenor House, London, S.W. 1. (D.C.I. 16,158.)

SUPPLIES OF SEA AND FRESHWATER FISH.

Committee Appointed.

The President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries announces that he has appointed Committees to consider the following subjects:—

(1) Supplies of Sea Fish.

This Committee is to consider practical means for increasing the supplies of sea fish for the home markets and for encouraging the consumption of such fish, whether cured or fresh, in substitution for other foods. The Food Controller has appointed a representative on the Committee in order that its advice may be available to him in any matter affecting fish supply.

The Committee has received a grant from the Development Fund, with authority to expend the grant, subject to limitations and conditions recommended by the Development Commissioners and approved by the Treasury, at the Committee's discretion for the increase of the fishing power of vessels other than steam fishing vessels. In general, expenditure will be confined to assisting fishermen who are owners of their own boats to develop their fishing power and to secure greater quantities of fish.

The Committee is composed as follows:—Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, M.P. (Chairman); Mr. H. S. M. Blundell, of the Admiralty War Staff (Trade Division); Mr. H. G. Maurice, C.B., of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; Mr. E. H. Collingwood, of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; Mr. Stephen Reynolds, B.Sc., representing the Development Commissioners; and Mr. Arthur Towle, representing the Food Controller.

The Secretary and Manager is Mr. G. K. Hext. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Fish Food Committee, 43, Parliament Street, S.W. 1.

(2) Supplies of Freshwater Fish.

This Committee is to consider whether any considerable addition to the home food supplies of fish could be provided from the rivers, lakes and ponds of England and Wales.

The Committee is requested to have special regard to considerations affecting the practicability of any scheme for bringing freshwater fish supplies into consumption, such as the machinery and labour required to make the supplies available, facilities for their transport to market, the food value of the different kinds of fish, the probability of its proving acceptable to the consumer, the necessity for interference with private rights, and the risk of damage to more valuable fisheries.

The Committee is further requested to consider and report upon measures which might be taken for securing a greater output of eels from the waters of the United Kingdom for home consumption.

The Committee will be composed of: The Lord Desborough of Taplow (Chairman); Mr. R. B. Marston; Mr. A. R. Peart; Mr. F. G. Richmond; Mr. H. T. Sheringham; Mr. A. Tate Regan; and Sir John Wrench Towse.

The Hon. A. S. Northcote will act as Secretary to the Committee. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Freshwater Fish Committee, 43, Parliament Street, S.W. 1.

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"SUMMER TIME."

The Home Office announces that it has been decided by the Government that "Summer Time" shall be re-introduced this year, as recommended by the Home Office Committee, throughout the United Kingdom, beginning at 2 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, the 8th April, when the clocks will be put forward one hour, and ending at 2 o'clock in the morning of Monday, the 17th September.

An Order-in-Council will be issued to give effect to this decision.

NOTICE RESPECTING PASSPORTS.

The Foreign Office notify that passports held by male British subjects are not valid for embarkation unless issued or endorsed at the Passport Office, Downing Street, since 1st January last. Passports held by women and children are not valid for embarkation unless issued or endorsed at the Passport Office since 1st February last.

British subjects embarking for ports in the United States of America or Canada must be provided with passports issued or endorsed at the Passport Office for the specific journey within thirty days of the date of embarkation.

PASSPORTS FOR SPAIN.

The Foreign Office also notify that on and after 1st April, 1917, all persons travelling to Spain must be in possession of passports *visé* by a competent Spanish Diplomatic or Consular Officer.

The address of the Spanish Consul General in London from whom the *visé* should be obtained is 40, Trinity Square, E.C. 3.

TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS FOR BRITISH DOMINIONS AND DEPENDENCIES.

Further Extension of Service.

The Postmaster-General notifies that the telegraph money order service which was instituted on 1st July last with certain of the British oversea Dominions will be further extended on 2nd April to Grenada.

A special feature of this service is the transmission of the telegram of advice at the deferred rate, which reduces the telegraph charges by one-half. The full rate service is available for cases of special urgency.

[Previous notices in this connection appeared in the issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th October last (pp. 270–1), 31st August (pp. 627–8), and 6th July, (p. 33).

LOSS OF MAILS FOR MAURITIUS, ASCENSION, AND ST. HELENA.

The Postmaster-General also announces that parcel mails for Mauritius by the long sea route, and letter and parcel mails for Ascension and St. Helena, containing parcels and correspondence posted between the 20th of February and the 14th of March, have been lost at sea.

FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN FEBRUARY, 1917.*

I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for February, 1917, when compared with those for February, 1916, show increases in the value of the imports into the United Kingdom, of the exports of the produce and manufactures of the United Kingdom, and also of the exports of foreign and colonial merchandise.

When compared with February, 1915, the figures also show increased values in all cases.

The following table gives the actual figures:—

—	February, 1915.	February, 1916.	February, 1917.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1916.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1915.
	£	£	£	£	£
Imports ...	65,200,472	67,335,579	70,947,991	(+) 3,612,322	(+) 5,747,429
Exports—					
British ...	26,176,937	36,335,782	37,287,486	(+) 951,704	(+) 11,110,549
Foreign and Colonial ...	6,809,710	8,529,796	8,991,754	(+) 461,958	(+) 2,182,044

From these figures it will be seen that in February, 1917, the imports showed an increase in value of 5·3 per cent. over those of February, 1916, and 8·8 per cent. over those of February, 1915. The value of the exports of the produce and manufactures of the United Kingdom showed an increase of 2·6 per cent. over those of February, 1916, and one of 42·4 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1915, whilst the exports of foreign and colonial merchandise showed an increase in value of 5·4 per cent. as compared with February, 1916, and an increase of 32·4 per cent. over February, 1915.

The value of the trade during the two months ended February, 1917, as compared with the corresponding months of 1916 and 1915, was as follows:—

—	Two months ended February.			Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with	
	1915.	1916.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	£	£	£	£	£
Imports ...	132,446,863	142,271,320	161,472,483	(+) 19,201,163	(+) 29,025,620
Exports—					
British ...	54,424,529	73,092,649	84,148,028	(+) 11,055,079	(+) 29,723,499
Foreign and Colonial ...	13,705,175	17,359,968	17,423,069	(+) 63,101	(+) 3,717,894

* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1916," which appeared on pp. 419-20 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th February, for information as to the changes that have been made in these Accounts this year.

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in February, 1917.

II.—IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for February, 1917, as compared with the corresponding month of 1916 and 1915, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

Imports (Value C.I.F.*)—February.

—	Month of February. 1915.	1916.	1917.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) in 1917 as compared with 1916.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) in 1917 as compared with 1915.
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	7,266,003	8,691,520	13,232,609	+ 4,541,089	+ 5,966,606
B. Meat, including animals for food ...	6,066,783	6,216,986	7,113,015	+ 896,029	+ 1,046,232
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable	7,686,274	6,814,915	6,642,047	— 172,868	— 1,044,127
2. Dutiable	6,481,148	6,213,394	4,320,186	— 1,893,208	— 2,160,962
D. Tobacco	483,546	304,459	307,147	+ 2,688	— 176,399
Total, Class I. ... £	27,983,754	28,241,274	31,615,004	+ 3,373,730	+ 3,631,250
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ..	1,248	735	—	— 735	— 1,248
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ..	415,776	672,631	938,891	+ 266,260	+ 523,115
C. Other metallic ores	965,027	936,348	1,442,168	+ 505,820	+ 477,141
D. Wood and timber	1,102,601	1,561,688	1,109,492	— 452,196	+ 6,891
E. Cotton	7,135,837	7,720,758	8,674,055	+ 953,297	+ 1,538,218
F. Wool	5,661,828	4,253,827	5,064,095	+ 810,268	— 597,733
G. Other textile materials	1,356,332	1,436,087	808,754	— 627,333	— 547,578
H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums..	3,853,188	4,275,066	5,149,095	+ 874,029	+ 1,295,907
I. Hides and undressed skins	1,091,688	802,107	1,217,344	+ 415,237	+ 125,65
J. Paper-making materials	154,935	440,904	224,716	— 216,188	+ 69,781
K. Miscellaneous	2,579,297	2,574,615	3,211,938	+ 637,323	+ 632,641
Total, Class II. ... £	24,317,757	24,674,766	27,840,548	+ 3,165,782	+ 3,522,791
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	419,152	770,195	524,904	— 245,291	+ 105,572
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	2,824,201	2,930,299	2,365,871	— 564,428	— 458,330
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements (except machine tools) and instruments ...	341,716	402,597	403,684	+ 1,087	+ 61,968
D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and uninsulated wire)	69,078	96,494	107,340	+ 10,846	+ 38,262
E. Machinery	573,533	613,691	509,725	— 103,966	— 63,808
F. Ships (new)	260	240	—	— 240	— 260
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	108,970	120,000	64,172	— 55,828	— 44,798
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	523,480	675,995	282,408	— 393,587	— 241,072
2. Wool	171,487	65,148	22,245	— 42,903	— 149,242
3. Silk	1,181,153	1,081,384	1,009,738	— 71,646	— 171,415
4. Other materials	614,850	891,084	558,113	— 332,971	— 56,737
I. Apparel	290,564	239,187	230,651	— 8,536	— 59,913
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes, and colours...	1,382,830	2,195,008	1,610,851	— 584,157	+ 228,021
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including gloves, but excluding boots and shoes)	1,548,887	714,494	1,325,310	+ 610,816	— 223,577
L. Earthenware and glass...	115,734	277,570	56,647	— 220,923	— 59,087
M. Paper	399,255	695,238	246,049	— 449,189	— 153,206
N. Railway carriages and trucks (not of iron), motor cars, cycles, carts, &c....	342,357	536,508	266,268	— 270,240	— 76,089
O. Miscellaneous	1,810,635	1,625,326	1,328,212	— 297,114	— 482,423
Total, Class III. ... £	12,718,142	13,930,458	10,912,188	— 3,018,270	— 1,805,954
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post)	180,812	489,081	580,161	+ 91,080	+ 399,342
Total value... ... £	65,200,472	67,335,579	70,947,901	+ 3,612,322	+ 5,747,429

* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or, when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in February, 1917.

Comparing the values of the imports in February, 1917, with those in February, 1916, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

Increases.

			£
I.	B.	Mutton, fresh and refrigerated ...	327,327
		Bacon	453,757
	C1.	Cheese	141,813
		Lard...	179,710
		Margarine	158,083
II.	B.	Iron ore	309,838
	C.	Tin ore	477,789
	E.	Cotton, raw	953,297
	F.	Wool, sheep's or lambs'	845,756
	H.	Nuts and kernels for expressing oil therefrom	313,357

			£
II. *cont.*	H.	Oil, palm	147,821
		„ petroleum ...	832,798
		Turpentine	114,671
	I.	Hides, raw	306,497
		Skins and furs, undressed...	108,740
	K.	Rubber, including waste and reclaimed	752,400
III.	B.	Tin in blocks, ingots, etc.	258,774
	K.	Leather	646,756
	O.	Oilseed cake, not sweetened	129,112
IV.		Parcel Post	165,272

Decreases.

			£
I.	C1.	Fish, cured or salted	324,406
	C2.	Cocoa, raw	440,631
		Coffee (including roasted and ground)	259,912
		Currants	168,357
		Sugar, refined, and sugar candy ...	446,380
		Tea	259,173
		Wine	150,676
II.	D.	Wood and timber, hewn	234,602
	G.	Hemp, dressed and undressed	170,082
		Jute	384,712

			£
II. *cont.*	H.	Flax or linseed ...	153,618
		Fish oil, train, blubber and sperm	258,219
	J.	Wood pulp	161,074
III.	B.	Lead, pig and sheet	317,784
	H1.	Cotton manufactures	411,313
	H4.	Jute manufactures...	255,043
	J.	Indigo	160,832
	M.	Paper	449,189
	N.	Motor cars, and parts thereof ...	269,998

The following are the principal instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity and *vice versâ* :—

			Increase in value. £	Decrease in quantity.
I.	B.	Beef, fresh and refrigerated ...	69,235	73,172 cwt.
		Bacon	453,757	37,156 „
		Meat preserved, otherwise than by salting	96,690	2,335 „
	C1.	Butter	43,591	46,838 „
		Cheese	141,813	21,683 „
		Lard	179,710	32,861 „
		Onions	37,935	51,025 bushels.
	C2.	Milk, condensed, sweetened ...	45,280	11,966 cwt.
II.	E.	Cotton, raw	953,297	597,982 centals.
	F.	Wool, sheep's or lambs'	845,756	12,908,166 lb.

			Increase in Quantity.	Decrease in Value. £
I.	C1.	Apricots and peaches, raw	157 cwt.	264
		Grapes, raw	446 „	145
III.	B.	Zinc, crude, in cakes	379 tons.	26,227
	J.	Acetic acid, other than for table use ...	659 cwt.	4,648

III.—EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the value of the Exports of produce and manufactures of the United Kingdom for the month of February, 1917, as compared with the corresponding month of 1916 and 1915, and the increase or decrease in each principal category :—

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in February, 1917.

Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom (Value F.O.B.*).—February.

—	Month of February. 1915.	1916.	1917.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) in 1917 as compared with 1916	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) in 1917 as compared with 1915.
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	369,695	281,820	167,576	− 114,244	− 202,119
B. Meat, including animals for food ...	86,460	75,879	45,734	− 30,145	− 40,326
C. Other food and drink	1,128,268	1,491,972	1,207,536	− 284,436	+ 79,268
D. Tobacco	251,249	349,421	223,321	− 126,160	− 27,928
Total, Class I. ... £	1,835,272	2,199,092	1,644,167	− 554,925	− 191,105
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ...	2,686,845	3,368,149	3,782,536	+ 414,387	+ 1,095,691
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...	14,952	21,771	19,471	− 2,300	+ 4,519
C. Other metallic ores	85	848	814	− 34	+ 729
D. Wood and timber	10,412	17,223	35,859	+ 18,636	+ 25,447
E. Cotton	—	—	—	—	—
F. Wool	113,320	612,291	225,476	− 386,815	+ 112,156
G. Other textile materials	28,393	86,167	4,702	− 81,465	− 23,691
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	479,683	352,956	475,860	+ 122,904	− 3,823
I. Hides and undressed skins	81,657	120,462	138,685	+ 18,223	+ 57,028
J. Paper-making materials	45,698	67,688	30,028	− 37,660	− 15,670
K. Miscellaneous	107,167	237,838	161,980	− 75,853	+ 54,813
Total, Class II. ... £	3,568,212	4,885,388	4,875,411	− 9,977	+ 1,307,199
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	2,236,472	4,088,392	3,594,101	− 494,291	+ 1,357,629
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	684,322	960,416	940,882	− 19,534	+ 256,560
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements (except machine tools), and instruments	314,839	562,860	428,057	− 134,803	+ 113,218
D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and uninsulated wire)	173,870	298,638	270,940	− 27,698	+ 97,070
E. Machinery	1,285,868	1,524,653	1,808,324	+ 283,671	+ 522,456
Ships (new)	143,981	29,545	6,702	− 22,843	− 137,279
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	75,341	101,247	77,551	− 23,696	+ 2,210
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	5,941,563	8,390,253	8,930,764	+ 540,511	+ 2,989,201
2. Wool	2,048,899	3,409,764	4,188,674	+ 778,910	+ 2,139,775
3. Silk	107,096	170,681	160,690	− 9,991	+ 53,594
4. Other materials	853,184	1,317,391	1,149,641	− 167,750	+ 296,457
I. Apparel	1,182,720	1,243,206	1,210,386	− 32,820	+ 27,666
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ...	1,609,229	2,063,382	1,684,977	− 378,405	+ 75,748
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including gloves, but excluding boots and shoes)	212,406	368,121	411,358	+ 43,237	+ 198,952
L. Earthenware and glass	224,938	254,840	274,294	+ 19,454	+ 49,356
M. Paper	197,938	307,578	250,838	− 56,740	+ 52,900
N. Railway carriages and trucks (not of iron), motor cars, cycles, carts, &c....	470,515	582,673	449,356	− 133,317	− 21,159
O. Miscellaneous	2,212,210	2,430,805	3,576,654	+ 1,145,849	+ 1,364,444
Total, Class III. ... £	19,975,391	28,104,445	29,414,189	+ 1,309,744	+ 9,438,798
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ... £	798,062	1,146,857	1,353,719	+ 206,862	+ 555,657
Total value ... ... £	26,176,937	36,335,782	37,287,486	+ 951,704	+ 11,110,549

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.*—February.

Total value	£ 6,369,710	£ 6,579,796	£ 8,291,754	+ £ 461,958	+ £ 2,182,044

* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in February, 1917.

Comparing the values of the exports of the produce and manufactures of the United Kingdom in February, 1917, with those in February, 1916, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

Increases.

			£
II.	A.	Coal, coke and manufactured fuel	414,387
	I.	Skins and furs, undressed...	63,512
III.	B.	Tin, unwrought ...	71,306
	E.	Machinery	283,671
	H.1	Cotton piece goods..	520,151
	H2.	Worsted yarn... ...	185,098
		Woollen tissues ...	737,387
		Worsted " ...	65,346
		Wool blankets ...	114,774
	H4.	Linen yarn	89,220
III. con.	K.	Leather, dressed and undressed	40,627
		Arms, ammunition, and military and naval stores ...	737,302
		Cement	60,162
	O.	Machinery belting (other than leather)	44,335
		Skins and furs, dressed	57,759
		Soap	130,843
IV.		Parcel post	211,642

Decreases.

			£
I.	A.	Wheat meal and flour	91,726
	C.	Beer and ale	108,526
	D.	Tobacco (and snuff)	126,100
II.	F.	Wool, sheep's or lambs'	225,009
		Wool waste	62,390
		" noils and carded or carbonised wool	66,485
	G.	Flax and hemp ...	72,112
III.	A.	Iron and steel and manufactures thereof...	494,291
III. con.	C.	Implements and tools (except machine tools)	88,146
	H1.	Cotton waste, from worked cotton ...	71,580
	H2.	Wool tops	305,462
	H4.	Linen piece-goods...	185,488
	J.	Coal products, not dyes	60,348
		Manures	199,960
		Medicines and drugs	60,534
	N.	Motor cars, chassis, and parts thereof	59,751

The following are the principal instances of **increase in value** combined with **decrease in quantity** *and vice versa* :—

			Increase in value. £		Decrease in quantity.
I.	C.	Milk, condensed	11,229	...	1,411 cwt.
II.	A.	Coal, coke and manufactured fuel...	414,387	...	407,767 tons.
	H.	Oil, seed	9,436	...	811 "
III.	H1.	Cotton yarn	16,540	...	5,605,000 lb.
		" piece goods	521,151	...	85,669,700 yards.
		" thread...	27,830	...	219,800 lb.
	H2.	Worsted tissues	65,346	...	812,800 yards.
		Wool flannels and delaines	9,482	...	75,000 "
	H4.	Jute piece-goods	20,229	...	581,500 "
	L.	Chinaware or porcelain, earthenware, etc.	17,300	...	45,491 cwt.
	O.	Candles	13,965	...	1,880 "
		Cordage, cables, ropes and twine ...	15,278	...	2,430 "
			Increase in quantity.		**Decrease in value. £**
III.	B.	Zinc or spelter	9 tons	...	2,029
	O.	Lamps and lanterns, except electric	6,261 number	...	1,349

IV.—TRADE DURING THE TWO MONTHS, JAN.-FEB.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** of foreign and colonial merchandise during the **two months** ended February, 1917, as compared with the corresponding period of 1916 and 1915 :—

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in January-February, 1917.

Imports (Value C.I.F.*)—Two months, January-February.

—	Two months, January-February. 1915.	1916.	1917.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1916.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1915.
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—	£	£	£	£	£
A. Grain and flour	16,621,820	20,985,716	24,279,739	+ 3,294,023	+ 7,657,919
B. Meat, including animals for food ..	11,6.3,498	13,118,875	15,129,441	+ 2,010,566	+ 3,515,943
C. Other food and drink—					
1. Non-dutiable	15,409,545	14,741,076	17,117,220	+ 2,376,144	+ 1,707,675
2. Dutiable	14,035,031	13,235,194	11,576,239	— 1,758,955	— 2,458,792
D. Tobacco	1,247,559	692,393	752,105	+ 59,712	— 495,454
Total, Class I. ... ... £	58,927,453	62,873,254	68,854,744	+ 5,981,490	+ 9,927,291
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke and manufactured fuel ...	3,207	735	337	— 398	— 2,870
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel... ...	778,039	1,484,982	1,870,272	+ 385,290	+ 1,092,233
C. Other metallic ores	1,695,531	1,892,446	2,478,442	+ 585,996	+ 782,911
D. Wood and timber	2,185,162	3,104,316	3 387,047	+ 282,711	+ 1,201,865
E. Cotton	13,622,677	14,711,450	21,806,745	+ 7,095,295	+ 8,184,068
F. Wool	10,484,158	7,555,447	11,464,733	+ 3,909,286	+ 980,575
G. Other textile materials...	2,810,318	3,467,451	2,877,554	— 589,897	+ 67,236
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums	7 594,633	7,974.975	11,294,834	+ 3,319.859	+ 3,700,201
I. Hides and undressed skins	2,211,013	1,566,998	2,791,945	+ 1,224,947	+ 580,932
J. Paper making materials	517,853	876,752	981,842	+ 105,090	+ 464,489
K. Miscellaneous	5,596,304	6,270,410	6,601,546	+ 331,136	+ 1,005,242
Total, Class II. ... ... £	47,498,395	48,905,962	65,555,277	+ 16 649,315	+ 18,056,882
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	999,454	1,565,982	1,254,153	— 311,829	+ 254,699
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	5,691,222	6,232,851	5,365,108	— 867,743	— 326,114
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements (except machine tools) and instruments	597,969	829,345	835,644	+ 6,299	+ 237,675
D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and uninsulated wire)	125,943	215,396	283,392	+ 67,996	+ 157,449
E. Machinery	1,191,937	1,314,409	1,227,251	— 87,158	+ 35,314
F. Ships (new)	14,702	240	35	— 205	— 14,667
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	216,737	316.247	160,942	— 155,305	— 55,795
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	1,099,912	1,471,008	795,858	— 675,150	— 304,054
2. Wool	359,229	182,296	69,021	— 113,275	— 290,208
3. Silk	2,190,441	2,292,989	2,450,616	+ 157,627	+ 260,175
4. Other materials	1,094,299	1,901,440	1,454,727	— 446,713	+ 360,428
I. Apparel	549,192	508,843	458,044	— 50,799	— 91,148
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	2,676,447	4,614,979	3,564,594	— 1,050,385	+ 888,147
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including gloves, but excluding boots and shoes)	3,416,140	1,644,535	3,627,487	+ 1,982,952	+ 211,347
L. Earthenware and glass...	212,926	539,162	192,894	— 346,268	— 20,032
M. Paper	836,970	1,240,326	778,615	— 461,711	— 58,355
N. Railway carriages and trucks (not of iron), motor cars, cycles, carts, &c.	813,614	1,401,026	704,563	— 696,463	— 109,051
O. Miscellaneous	3,407,080	3,472,388	3,030,471	— 441,917	— 376,609
Total, Class III. ... £	25,494,214	29,743,462	26,253,415	+ 3,490,047	+ 759,201
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ... £	526,801	748,642	809,047	+ 60,405	+ 282,246
Total value ... £	132,446 863	142,271,320	161,472,483	+ 19,201,163	+ 29,025,620

* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or, when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the **Exports** of home produce, and of foreign and colonial produce, during the **two months** ended February, 1917, as compared with the corresponding period of 1916 and 1915, is as shown in the following table:—

Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in January-February, 1917.

Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom (Value F.O.B.*)—Two Months, January-February.

—	Two Months, January-February. 1915.	1916.	1917.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1916.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1917 as compared with 1915.
	£	£	£	£	£
I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—					
A. Grain and flour	730,646	568,428	315,719	— 252,709	— 414,927
B. Meat, including animals for food ...	195,487	162,035	111,544	— 50,489	— 83,943
C. Other food and drink	2,416,761	3,018,595	2,559,176	— 459,419	+ 142,415
D. Tobacco	515,233	706,755	551,358	— 155,397	+ 36,125
Total, Class I. ... £	3,858,127	4,455,811	3,537,797	— 918,014	— 320,330
II.—Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—					
A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ...	5,267,107	6,590,399	8,370,763	+ 1,780,364	+ 3,103,656
B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...	31,301	46,141	46,328	+ 187	+ 15,027
C. Other metallic ores	2,624	2,649	3,555	+ 906	+ 931
D. Wood and timber	27,806	36,224	61,815	+ 25,591	+ 34,009
E. Cotton	—	—	—	—	—
F. Wool	165,992	1,065,346	519,165	— 546,181	+ 353,173
G. Other textile materials	48,791	142,088	25,964	— 116,124	— 22,827
H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums	934,518	790,806	1,045,114	+ 254,308	+ 110,596
I. Hides and undressed skins	159,130	260,453	308,061	+ 47,608	+ 148,931
J. Paper making materials	88,160	137,564	88,304	— 49,260	+ 144
K. Miscellaneous	282,835	438,655	360,049	— 78,606	+ 77,214
Total, Class II. ... £	7,008,264	9,510,325	10,829,118	+ 1,318,793	+ 3,820,854
III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—					
A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof	4,907,375	8,110,211	7,629,494	— 480,717	+ 2,722,119
B. Other metals and manufactures thereof	1,434,324	1,858,504	1,877,168	+ 18,664	+ 442,844
C. Cutlery, hardware, implements (except machine tools) and instruments	690,731	1,004,624	947,106	— 57,518	+ 256,375
D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and uninsulated wire)	443,763	578,571	642,024	+ 63,453	+ 198,261
E. Machinery	2,949,350	3,004,784	3,796,585	+ 791,801	+ 847,235
F. Ships (new)	296,861	144,536	195,474	+ 50,938	— 101,387
G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture)	154,699	196,571	171,117	— 27,454	+ 16,418
H. Yarns and textile fabrics—					
1. Cotton	12,312,039	16,351,722	21,962,051	+ 5,610,329	+ 9,650,012
2. Wool	4,285,585	6,778,738	9,104,207	+ 2,325,449	+ 4,818,622
3. Silk	233,809	346,906	366,043	+ 19,137	+ 132,234
4. Other materials	1,745,997	2,401,659	2,605,613	+ 203,954	+ 859,616
I. Apparel	2,206,323	2,208,988	2,497,325	+ 288,337	+ 291,002
J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours..	3,233,664	4,327,892	4,030,661	— 297,231	+ 796,997
K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including gloves, but excluding boots and shoes)	446,097	737,952	828,286	+ 90,934	+ 382,189
L. Earthenware and glass	483,099	531,248	679,926	+ 148,678	+ 196,827
M. Paper	401,568	600,965	558,247	— 42,718	+ 156,679
N. Railway carriages and trucks (not of iron), motor cars, cycles, carts, &c.	1,069,422	1,209,179	1,044,882	— 164,297	— 54,540
O. Miscellaneous	4,382,550	5,119,635	7,071,165	+ 1,951,530	+ 2,688,615
Total, Class III. ... £	41,707,256	55,514,765	66,007,374	+ 10,492,609	+ 24,300,118
IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ... £	1,350,882	3,612,108	3,773,739	+ 161,631	+ 1,922,857
Total value ... £	54,424,529	73,092,949	84,148,028	+11,055,079	+ 29,723,499

Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.*—Two Months, January-February.

Total value	£ 13,766,175	£ 17,313,958	£ 17,423,919	+ £ 63,161	+ £ 3,717,896

* The value of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The 57th annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom was held at Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, on 20th and 21st March, the chair being taken each day by Sir Algernon T. Firth, Bart. Resolutions were passed relating to the following (among other) subjects:—Excess Profits Duty; Taxation after the War; Trade Bank and Insurance; Loans to Foreign Countries; Canal Development; Treatment of Enemy Shipping; Trade Secrets; Supply of Cotton; Continuance of Prohibition of Imports after the War.

(D.C.I. 16,523.)

UNITED KINGDOM TRADE WITH CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

Visit of H.M. Trade Commissioner.

In accordance with the practice that has been established for H.M. Trade Commissioners in the British Self-Governing Dominions to visit the United Kingdom officially from time to time, so that manufacturers and merchants may have the opportunity of consulting them on any matters connected with their business, or of obtaining information as to the possibilities of extending their trade, H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland (Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes) is now in this country, and is interviewing (by appointment) representatives of firms who have expressed a desire to see him in London at the Offices of the Department of Commercial Intelligence of the Board of Trade. Immediately after Easter he will visit such Trade and industrial centres in the Provinces as it may appear most advantageous to visit in view of applications that may be received from firms in or near, those centres, and from Chambers of Commerce.

In order that appointments in the Provinces may be satisfactorily arranged firms who may desire to have an interview with Mr. Hamilton Wickes are requested to make their application *as soon as possible*. Applications should be addressed to the Comptroller-General, Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. The reference number (D.C.I. 2,360) should be quoted.

CLAIMS AGAINST ENEMY PERSONS, ETC. IN NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

Custodian of Enemy Property Appointed.

The "Nyasaland Government Gazette" of 30th December last contains the text of a Proclamation (No. 19 of 1916, dated 30th December), by the Governor of the Nyasaland Protectorate, requiring British subjects within the Protectorate who are entitled to property of any description whatsoever in enemy territory, or to any interest in such property, or have claims against enemy persons or enemy Governments, forthwith to make returns of their said property or claims to the Custodian of Enemy Property, Blantyre.

The same issue of the "Gazette" publishes a Notice (No. 323 of 1916) to the effect that the Assistant to the Attorney-General of the Nyasaland Protectorate has been appointed, under the "Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Ordinance, 1916, No. 2," to be Custodian of Enemy Property in the Protectorate.

TRADE WITH BRITISH INDIA, THE DOMINIONS, ETC.

Local Priority Authorities Constituted.

The Minister of Munitions desires to make it known that priority authorities have been definitely set up in British India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Egypt.

No applications requiring priority for these countries will henceforward be considered by the Priority Department of the Ministry of Munitions except on a form endorsed by the proper local authority.

Announcements as to procedure and the addresses of the authorities have been made with due publicity in each of the countries.

No exceptions can be made to the above arrangements, and firms are requested not to apply to the Ministry of Munitions unless and until the consumer has obtained the necessary support of the priority authority in the country in which he resides. (D.C.I. 15,673.)

Arrangements in South Africa.

In connection with the foregoing, the High Commissioner in London for the Union of South Africa notifies that he has been advised by his Government that a Committee is being constituted in South Africa for the purpose of dealing with all orders for the Union of South Africa placed in the United Kingdom for materials in respect of which there is a restriction of manufacture or export.

The Committee will be constituted on 2nd April next, from which date no orders placed in South Africa for execution in the United Kingdom will receive consideration by the Priority Department of the Ministry of Munitions, unless such orders are accompanied by the recommendation of the local Committee. The procedure laid down by the Ministry of Munitions in regard to classification certificates is as follows:—

All demands on the United Kingdom properly formulated shall be submitted to the local authority, who will sort, classify, and make recommendations. They shall issue certificates to applicants direct, who will send them to their manufacturers in the United Kingdom, who in turn will submit them to the Priority Department of the Ministry of Munitions for final priority classification.

It will thus be seen that there will in future be no necessity to obtain the support of the High Commissioner in regard to any such orders.

(D.C.I. 15,359.)

NEW PATENT LAW IN BOLIVIA.

H.M. Minister at La Paz has forwarded, under date 20th January, an abstract (in English) of the new Patent Law passed by the Bolivian Congress, together with the original text (in Spanish). This Law, which came into force on 1st January, provides, *inter alia*, for the granting of a patent for a period of 15 years (on payment of a progressive tax of 20 bolivianos for the first year, 30 bolivianos for the second, 40 bolivianos for the third, and so on in successive years, provided that where a patent exists abroad, the Bolivian patent and that abroad lapse at the same time. The yearly payments may be made in advance, a discount of 25 per cent. being allowed. Provisional patents ("Precaucionales") may be obtained for one year. A foreign inventor may patent his invention in Bolivia within a year of obtaining the foreign patent, and the patentee must operate his invention in the country within two years of the grant of the patent, under penalty of the patent becoming invalid.

H.M. Minister has also forwarded in this connection an approximate estimate, prepared by an expert in this work, of the cost of taking out a patent under the new law. According to this estimate, the expenses incurred in obtaining a patent, together with the first annual payment, amount to 150 bolivianos, or about £12.

The above-mentioned documents may be consulted by British firms at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2. (D.C.I. 13,772.)

12·5 bolivianos = £1.

ENEMY BUSINESSES IN RUSSIA UNDER LIQUIDATION.

Notice to Creditors.

With reference to the notice on p. 495 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th February, and to previous notices, relative to enemy businesses in Russia under compulsory liquidation, H.M. Commercial Attaché at Petrograd (Mr. H. Cooke) has forwarded, under date 27th February, a further list of enemy businesses in respect of which Boards of Liquidation are inviting claims from creditors.

The list referred to, together with the sixteen previous lists which contain the dates of the separate official notifications concerning claims, and the address of the Board of Liquidation appointed in respect of each business, may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

H.M. Commercial Attaché also reports the names of other businesses in respect of which action has been decided upon or is under consideration.

[*Note.*—Particulars as to the period within which claims must be submitted, and the manner of their submission, etc., appeared on pp. 669–70 of the "Journal" of 9th December, 1915.] (D.C.I. 7,420.)

BELGIAN DECLARATION REGARDING CONTRABAND OF WAR.

The official "Moniteur Belge" (Havre) of 24th February publishes lists of articles which the Belgian Government have declared to be absolute or conditional contraband of war. The lists embrace nearly all the articles enumerated in the United Kingdom lists of absolute or conditional contraband.

THE LYONS FAIR, 1917.

H.M. Consul-General at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) reports that for this year's Fair at Lyons, which was opened on 18th March, there are 2,563 entries, occupying 2,320 stands. Of the persons and firms who are exhibiting, 2,169 are French, 163 are Swiss, 105 are Italian, 43 are British, 29 are Spanish and 25 are American, the remaining exhibitors being of Dutch, Russian, Swedish, Belgian, Portuguese, Mexican, Chinese and Japanese nationalities. The stands are mainly on the Rhone Quays and cover a total length of some 7 kilometres (about 4½ miles.)

[For previous reference to this Fair see p. 535 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd February.] (D.C.I. 14,760.)

INDUSTRIAL TAXES IN CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" (Santiago) of 27th December last publishes a Law (No. 3,165) fixing the taxes to be paid in respect of the granting of industrial licences in Chile. Every profession, office, industry, etc., is subject to a tax in accordance with the rates fixed by a schedule annexed to the Law.

For the classification and payment of the industrial tax the towns of the Republic are divided as follows:—

(1) Santiago, Valparaiso, Viña del Mar, Concepcion, and Talcahuano.
(2) Towns which have over 20,000 but not more than 100,000 inhabitants.
(3) Towns which have more than 10,000 inhabitants but not more than 20,000.
(4) Towns which have more than 5,000 inhabitants but not more than 10,000; and
(5) Villages, hamlets, etc.

Industrial Taxes in Chile.

The licences issued under this Law will be valid for one year, counting from 1st September of each year, and must be paid for annually in the month of September. They will be 1st, 2nd or other class, according to the importance of the enterprise in respect of which they are granted. The rates for these various classes of licences, as fixed in the schedule attached to the Law, apply only to towns in category (1), *i.e.*, Santiago, etc.; towns in the second, third, fourth and fifth categories will pay the taxes specified in the schedule, minus a rebate of 20, 30, 40 and 50 per cent., respectively.

The schedule of rates is divided into the following headings:—

(1) *Professional Licences.*

(2) *Industrial Licences*—Textiles; hides, skins and animal products; metallurgy and the working of mineral products; timber; chemical and pharmaceutical products; alimentary industries; beverages and tobacco; furniture; clothing and toilet industries; manufacture of vehicles; production and transmission of electric power; industries related to art and science.

(3) *Trade Licences*—(*a*) Banks and import houses, etc.; agencies, brokerage, and commission merchants; telegraphs and telephones; transport.

(*b*) Textiles; hides, skins, feathers, and livestock; minerals and metals; pottery and glassware; woods; chemical products; hotels, restaurants, etc.; provisions, fruit, etc.; fuel; furniture; clothing, perfumery, etc.; articles of luxury and trades connected with science and art; miscellaneous trades.

The full text of the Law (in Spanish), together with the schedule above referred to, may be consulted by British firms interested at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2.

(D.C.I. 15,636.)

CROP CONDITIONS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have received the following information from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome:—

Wheat.—The production of **wheat** in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand is estimated at 121,218,000 cwt., or 7·7 per cent. below the average yield in the period 1909-1913.

The area sown with wheat in 1916-17 in Spain and Japan is estimated at 10,134,000 acres (3 per cent. above last year), and 1,236,000 acres (0·4 per cent. above last year), respectively.

Maize.—The 1916 **maize** harvest in Spain is estimated at 14,321,000 cwt., or 7·9 per cent above the average crop in 1909-1913. In the United States, Canada, European Russia, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Japan and Egypt the total production of maize is estimated to be 1,420,757,000 cwt., a decrease of 5·1 per cent as compared with the average yield in the period 1909-1913.

Rice.—The production of **rice** in Spain is 4,758,000 cwt., and in British India 1,049,642,000 cwt., or 27·3 per cent. and 19·21 per cent., respectively above the average yield in 1909-1913. In Spain, Italy, the United States, British India and Japan the total production of rice is estimated at 1,282,194,000 cwt., or 17·5 per cent above the corresponding average yield in the quinquennial period.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF GOODS INTO FRANCE AND ALGERIA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated the 22nd March, and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 24th March, which prohibits the importation of all goods, with certain specified exceptions, into France and Algeria. A translation of this Decree is given below:—

Article 1.—The importation into France and Algeria, under any Customs régime, of all goods produced in, or coming from foreign countries is prohibited.

The prohibition does not apply to—

(1) Goods imported on account of the State;

(2) consignments which are proved to the satisfaction of the competent authorities to have been despatched direct to France or Algeria prior to the date of publication of the present Decree;

(3) Goods declared for warehousing (in France or Algeria) by the same date.

Article 2.—On the proposal of the Minister of Commerce, Industry, Posts and Telegraphs, exceptions from the prohibition may be allowed by the Minister of Finance, either of a general character, or within the limits of the contingents to be fixed in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 3.

Article 3.—A "Comité des dérogations aux prohibitions d'entrée" is established in the Ministry of Commerce, composed of the following Members:—

(The Decree then specifies the official and other members of the Comité, 21 in number.)

The Comité shall fix, and submit for the approval of the Minister of Commerce:—

(1) Proposals for general licences in respect of certain goods;

(2) The quarterly contingents of imports for specified products, the contingents being fixed according to the kind of goods and origin thereof;

(3) For each contingent, a scheme for dividing the goods among the various industrial and commercial groups in France in proportion to their essential needs.

Article 4.—A General Secretary, nominated by Decree of the Minister of Commerce, shall prepare the decisions of the Comité, and ensure their execution.

Article 5.—To defray the working expenses of the Comité, and by way of application of the provisions of Article 7 of the Law of the 28th September, 1916, applications for import licences shall involve the payment of a fee in accordance with a tariff to be established by special Decree.

Article 6.—(The execution of the above Decree is to be assured by the competent French Ministries).

The Board of Trade understand that the prohibition of import established by the above Decree is not yet in force, and that it will not be brought into force until the contingents referred to in Article 3 of the Decree have been fixed by the "Comité des dérogations." (C. 5,766.)

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Foreign Currencies; Values for Customs Purposes.

Adverting to the Notice which appeared on pp. 643-4 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 2nd March, 1916, respecting the value of foreign currencies for Customs purposes in Canada under Customs Memorandum No. 1987 B, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Customs Memorandum (No. 2054 B), dated 1st February, 1917, notifying that an Order-in-Council of the 27th January last has been issued under the provisions of Section 59 of the Customs Act declaring the equivalent value of foreign coins in Canadian currency for Customs purposes in the Dominion, with effect from the 1st February, 1917.

The equivalent exchange values given in the Memorandum are, for the most part, the same as those previously adopted—the principal changes effected being in connection with the silver peso current in Honduras, Guatemala, and Salvador, and the silver tael and dollar in China.

The equivalents given in the present Memorandum for the principal countries are as follows:—

Countries.	Monetary Unit.	Value in Canadian Currency for Duty Purposes.
		Dols.
Argentine Republic	Peso (gold) ..	0·965
Belgium	Franc	0·193
Denmark	Crown	0·268
France	Franc	0·193
Guatemala	Peso (silver) ...	0·544
Honduras	.. ..	0·544
Nicaragua	Cordoba (gold) ...	1·000
Salvador	Peso (silver) ...	0·544
India (British)	Rupee	0·324
Italy	Lira	0·193
Japan	Yen	0·498
Netherlands	Florin	0·402
Panama	Balboa	1·000
Russia	Rouble	0·515
Straits Settlements	Dollar	0·568
Venezuela	Bolivar	0·193
China	Tael (Shanghai) ...	0·815
	(Canton) ...	0·889
	(Hankow) ...	0·834
	(Tientsin) ...	0·864
	Dollar—	
	Yuan	0·584
	Hong Kong / British	0·587
	Mexican ...	0·591

(C. 5,447.)

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade have received copy of Appraisers' Bulletin No. 1,447, dated 13th February, 1917, which has been issued by the Department of Customs, Canada, giving decisions as to the classification under the Customs Tariff of various articles when imported into the Dominion.

The following are the principal decisions specified in the present Bulletin, viz.:—

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Articles.	Tariff Item.	Rates of Import Duty. Under the British Preferential Tariff.	Under the Intermediate Tariff.	Under the General Tariff.
Basic sulphate of lead ... ... Sulphate of lead ... ... Sublimed lead	711	15 % *ad val.**	17½% *ad val.**	17½% *ad val.**
Combined metal melting furnace and plate-finishing and drying machine for newspaper work ...	441	Free.	Free.	Free.
Broomless floor sweeper and dustless card stripper, both used in fabric mills for collecting waste or sweepings	453	15 % „ *	25 % „ *	27½ % „ *
Gate tops for chatelaine bags ...	658	12½% „ *	—	20 % „ *

(C. 5,523.)

Drawback of Customs Duty allowed on certain Cotton Fabrics.

The Board of Trade have received from H.M. Trade Commissioner in the Dominion of Canada, copy of Memorandum No. 2,057 B, dated 8th February, 1917, which has been issued by the Department of Customs, Canada, and which contains the Regulations regarding the drawback on certain cotton fabrics. It is stated in the Memorandum above referred to that when imported fabrics, on which Customs duties have been paid, are used in the manufacture of rubber belting, rubber tyres and rubber tubes, there may be paid a drawback of 99 per cent. of the duties paid on the cotton fabrics used in the manufacture of such articles, subject, however, to certain provisions specified in these Regulations. (C. 5,435.)

Prohibited Exports: Additions to List.

The Board of Trade have also received copy of Customs Memorandum No. 2,059 B, containing copy of Order in Council, dated 13th February, 1917, which prohibits the exportation from the Dominion of the undermentioned articles, as follows:—

To all destinations abroad other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Strontium, all salts of.
Strontium compounds and mixtures containing strontium compounds.

(C. 5,434.)

BARBADOS.

Amendment of Import Duty Schedule.

The Board of Trade have received copy of "The Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act, 1916 (No. 2)" (No. 52 of 1916) which amends the Schedule attached to the Customs Tariff Act, 1912, specifying the customs duties leviable upon the importation of various articles into the Colony, by adding the following item thereto, viz.:—

"Oil residue, giving off an inflammable vapour at a temperature not less than 150° Fahrenheit's thermometer":—

Under the British Preferential Tariff ... ... Per ton 2s. 6d.
„ „ General Tariff ... ... „ 2s. 6d.

* In *addition* to the duties specified, a war tax of 5 per cent. *ad valorem* is levied under the British Preferential Tariff, and of 7½ per cent. *ad valorem* under the Intermediate and General Tariffs, in accordance with the "Customs War Revenue Act. 1915."

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NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

Certificates of Interest not Required for Importation of Petroleum.

The "Nyasaland Government Gazette" of the 15th January contains copy of a Government Notice (No. 1 of 1917), dated 9th January, 1917, to the effect that in the case of imports of petroleum from any country to which the system of Certificates of Interest applies, such certificates will not be required in the Protectorate. (C. 5,388.)

RUSSIA.

Supervision of Imports of Saccharine. See notice on p. 837.

RUSSIA (Finland).

Prohibition of Importation of "Articles of Luxury" into Finland.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the prohibition of the importation of certain "articles of luxury" into Russia is applicable also in Finland, the Russian and Finnish lists of "prohibited" goods being *identical*.

[*Note.*—For the list of "articles of luxury" prohibited to be imported into Russia, *see* the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 26th October, 1916 (pages 285-288), the 4th January, 1917 (pages 47-48), and the 18th January, 1917 (pages 194-196).] (C. 5,460.)

NORWAY.

Prohibition of Exportation of Solder and Wood Tar.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Christiania to the effect that the exportation of *solder* and *wood tar* from Norway has been prohibited.

Exportation of Shellbait permitted.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of information from H.M. Minister at Christiania to the effect that the exportation of *shellbait* from Norway is now permitted. (C. 5,580.)

DENMARK.

Prohibition of Exportation of Cement.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Copenhagen to the effect that the exportation of *cement* from Denmark has been prohibited. (C. 5,352.)

FRANCE.

Exportation of certain Articles to the United Kingdom, etc., Prohibited except by Special Permission.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Ministerial Decree, dated the 19th March and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 20th March, which abrogates the provisions of various earlier Ministerial Decrees in virtue of which the following articles were allowed to be exported or re-exported from France, without special authorisation, when consigned to the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, Belgium (territory not in enemy occupation), Japan, Russia, and the countries of America :—

Accumulators and accumulator plates ;
Acetone ;
Agar-agar or librine ;
Aluminium wares ;
Antifriction metal ;
Asbestos wares ;
Blood, dried ;

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Boxes of tinplate, for packing alimentary preserves ;
Cadmium in all its forms :
Carbide of calcium ;
Cement ;
Cinchona bark ;
Cobalt in all forms ;
Copper, ore or metal, pure or alloyed, in all forms ;
Cordage, nets, and other cordmakers' wares, other than of hemp ;
Dextrine and soluble starches :
Dynamo-electric machines ;
Electrodes, batteries and their elements ;
Fatty acids of all kinds ;
Fats, animal (tallow, lard, lanoline, margarine, oleo-margarine, and similar substances) :
Fats, fish ;
Fats, vegetable, alimentary :
Frigorific machines and apparatus ;
Lead, metal, pure or alloyed, pipes and other wares of all kinds ;
Manganese (metal) in all forms ;
Manures of all kinds (including chemical manures) ;
Mercury (ore, metal, compounds and preparations) ;
Millet, chestnuts and flours thereof ;
Milk, condensed, pure or with sugar added ;
Mica in sheets and plates ; worked mica and micanite ;
Monazite (ore of cerium, lanthanum and thorium) ;
Nickel (metal) pure or alloyed, in all forms :
Oleaginous fruits and seeds ;
Ores of manganese, molybdenum, titanium and vanadium ;
Radium and its salts ;
Saccharine and similar products ;
Salts of chrome, of copper, of tin, of mercury and of molybdenum ;
Silicon ; silica bricks :
Sodium ;
Starch :
Stearic acid ;
Tin, ore and metal, pure or alloyed, in all forms ;
Tissues of hemp (other than unbleached or bleached tissues weighing more than 27½ kilogs. per 100 square metres) ;

[*Note.*—Tissues weighing more than 27½ kilogs. per 100 square metres were already prohibited to be exported to the above-mentioned countries except under licence.]

Tugsten (metal) in all forms ;
Wastes of cotton yarns :
Whale oil ;
Zinc wares. (C. 5,655.)

FRANCE AND ALGERIA.

Prohibitions of Importation. *See* notice on p. 825.

FRENCH COLONIES.

Exportation of Cadmium and Sponges prohibited.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated the 4th March and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 13th March, which prohibits the exportation and re-exportation from French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco) of *sponges of all kinds* and *cadmium in all its forms.* Exceptions from this prohibition may, however, be allowed under conditions to be laid down by the Minister for the Colonies.

[*Note.*—The exportation and re-exportation of sponges and cadmium from *France* was prohibited by a Presidential Decree of the 30th January last.]

(C. 5,278.)

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Exportation of certain Articles to the United Kingdom, etc., permitted.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of copies of three Ministerial Decrees, dated the 10th March and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 11th March, which provide that the undermentioned articles (which were prohibited to be exported from French Colonies and Protectorates, other than Tunis and Morocco, by the Decree of the 19th February, 1917), may, by way of exception, be exported and re-exported from such Colonies and Protectorates, without special authorisation, when consigned to the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, and certain other countries:—

Linen tissues, made-up articles of;
Fruits for distilling;
Furskins, rough, and dressed furskins not worked nor made-up;
Roots, herbs, flowers, leaves, barks, lichens, fruits and seeds for medicinal purposes. (C. 5,277.)

TUNIS.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copies of two Beylical Decrees, dated the 15th February and published in the "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for the 28th February, which prohibit the exportation and re-exportation from Tunis of *rough diamonds other than those suitable for industrial use** and of *fur skins, rough, and dressed fur skins not worked nor made up*; and also of two Beylical Decrees, dated the 20th February and published in the "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for the 7th March, which prohibit the exportation and re-exportation from the Regency of the following articles:—

Fruits for distilling;
Medicinal roots, herbs, flowers and leaves, barks, lichens, fruits and seeds;
Sponges of all kinds;
Cadmium in all its forms.

Exceptions from these prohibitions may, however, be allowed under conditions laid down by the Tunisian Director-General of Finance.

[NOTE.—The exportation of the above-mentioned articles from *France* was prohibited by Decrees of the 22nd, 18th, 25th and 30th January last, and from French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco) by Decrees of the 19th February and the 4th March.] (C. 5,279 and C. 5,606.)

Prohibition of Exportation of Firewood.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of copy of a further Beylical Decree, dated the 3rd March and published in the "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for the 10th March, which prohibits the exportation and re-exportation of firewood from the Regency. Exceptions from this prohibition may, however, be allowed under conditions to be laid down by the Director-General of Finance. (C. 5,606.)

SWITZERLAND.

Re-Exportation of Packing Materials.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Notification of the Swiss Customs Department, published on the 15th February, relating to the exportation of packing materials from Switzerland. This Notification states that sacks, wooden packing cases and casks (Nos. 248 and 256 of the Swiss Tariff), oil and petrol barrels (Tariff No. 255).

* The exportation and re-exportation of rough diamonds suitable for industrial use was already prohibited.

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sheet iron barrels (Tariff Nos 787/790), glass receptacles (Tariff Nos. 691/693 and 696/698), and ropes and cords (Tariff No. 423, etc.), which have been imported into Switzerland as containers of merchandise, may be re-exported empty on proof being furnished to the Swiss Customs, by the production of documents, that the articles to be exported are in fact returned empties.

[*Note.*—Attention is directed to the necessity of obtaining an import licence from the Department of Import Restrictions, 22, Carlisle Place, S.W., for such returned packing materials as are covered by a British "Prohibition of Import" Proclamation.] (C. 4,701.)

ITALY.

Duty-free Admission of Tanned Hides from the Italian Colonies.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that an Italian Royal Decree of the 11th February provides that, for the duration of the war, exemption from Customs duty is accorded in respect of hides tanned without the hair, whether finished or unfinished, which are imported into Italy from the Italian Colonies, and with regard to which it is proved, in a manner to be determined by the Minister of Finance, that the tanning process was effected in the said Colonies. The same exemption from duty is accorded to similar hides of Sudanese origin imported into Italy from Tripolitania and Cyrenaica. (C. 5,623.)

PORTUGAL.

Duty-free Importation of Cereals and Flour.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Lisbon to the effect that a Decree was published in the "Diario do Governo" for the 6th March, declaring free of all Tariff duties, whilst present conditions continue, the importation of bread, and wheat or other cereals in grain or flour. (C. 5,418.)

Temporary Duty-free Importation of certain Foreign Casks.

With reference to the notice at page 306 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 4th May, 1916, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that a Decree was published in the "Diario do Governo" for the 6th March, further prolonging until the end of April next, the Law of the 4th April, 1916, respecting the temporary duty-free importation into Portugal of foreign casks for the purposes specified in the Law.

The Decree also authorises the Government, so long as present conditions prevail, to extend the period (six months) for the temporary importation of casks, fixed by the paragraph attached to Article I of the Law of May 1st, 1914 (*see* the notice at page 407 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th May, 1914). (C. 5,380.)

MOROCCO.

Customs Treatment of certain Agricultural Apparatus on Importation into the Spanish Zone.

With reference to the notice at page 627 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 26th August, 1915, respecting the exemption from the import duty of 10 per cent *ad valorem* of certain classes of agricultural apparatus on importation into the French Zone in Morocco, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Tangier to the effect that a Dahir of the Khalifa of the Spanish Zone, published in the "Boletin Oficial" of the 25th February, exempts the same classes of agricultural apparatus from the duty of 10 per cent. when imported into the Spanish Zone in Morocco.

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In the Spanish Zone, as in the French Zone, the special tax of 2½ per cent. *ad valorem*, prescribed by Art. 65 of the Act of Algeciras, is still to be levied, the 10 per cent. import duty alone being waived. (C. 5,589.)

BRAZIL.

New Consular Invoice Regulations—Suspension of the provision relating to Consecutive Numbering of Packages.

With reference to the notice at page 506 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 15th February, respecting the regulations on the subject of Consular invoices, laid down by the Brazilian Budget Law for 1917, the Board of Trade have received from the Consulate-General of Brazil in London the following notification as to the suspension of part of the new Regulations:—

"This Consulate-General is in receipt of cabled instructions from the "Minister for Foreign Affairs suspending that part of the new Consular "Invoice Regulations calling for the consecutive numbering of the "packages shipped to Brazil; but the requirement of only one mark to "a Consular Invoice remains.

"It is well to remind shippers that the old requirement that Bills of "Lading and Consular Invoices should agree in every respect has always "been and is in force." (D.C.I. 15,418.)

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

DETENTION OF CARGOES AND VESSELS BY H.M. ARMED FORCES.

In continuation of the list of cargoes and vessels detained by H.M. Armed Forces, which appeared on p. 782 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd March, it is notified by the Foreign Office that the cargoes or part cargoes of the following vessels have also been detained:—

Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo detained at
Avesta	Swedish	London
Banka	Netherland	London
Boetoe	Netherland	London
Fram	Norwegian	London
Frederick VIII.	Danish	London
Helsingborg	Swedish	Kirkwall
Hollandia	Netherland	London
Koningen der Netherlanden...	Netherland	London
Krakatan	Netherland	London
Rijdam	Netherland	London
San Lucar	Norwegian	London
Stockholm	Swedish	London
Wilio	Netherland	London

BRITISH CARGO STEAMSHIP SERVICES.

The Department of Commercial Intelligence is prepared, on application, to furnish information regarding British cargo steamship services trading between the United Kingdom and all ports of the world. Applicants for information are requested to state their requirements clearly, particularly indicating the ports or districts between which cargo is to be carried.

Shipping and Transport.

BRITISH FORWARDING AGENCIES.

Information regarding British forwarding agencies from the United Kingdom to all parts of the world may also be obtained on application to the Department of Commercial Intelligence. Firms requiring information are requested to give full details, especially in regard to the ports or districts between which goods are to be carried.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Boats' Disengaging Gears: Instructions to Surveyors.

The Marine Department of the Board of Trade (7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1) has issued a Circular (No. 1,582) to the effect that it has been decided that disengaging gears in the boats of existing ships are not to be subjected to the test required by Circular 1,581 (see notice on p. 297 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th January) until 1st January, 1918, unless a Surveyor has special reason to believe that the gear fitted in the boats of any particular ship is unreliable and dangerous. Copies of both Circulars may be purchased through any bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office (see addresses on cover), or (in Ireland) from Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin. The price of each is 1d. (post free 1½d.).

AUSTRALIA.

Agents for Commonwealth Government Line of Steamships.

The following firms in Australia are the agents for the Commonwealth Government line of steamships:—Messrs. Gibbs, Bright & Co., at Melbourne, Victoria; Messrs. Birt & Co. (Mr. Owen Cox), at Sydney, New South Wales; Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co., at Adelaide, South Australia; Messrs. George Wills & Co., at Perth, Western Australia; the Australian Steam Navigation Co (Macdonald, Hamilton & Co.), at Brisbane, Queensland; and Messrs. Jones & Co., at Hobart, Tasmania. The head offices of the line are at Australia House, Strand, London, W.C. 2., and Mr. H. G. B. Larkin is the General Manager.

NETHERLANDS.

Ship Reporting Agency at the Hook of Holland: Scheme in Abeyance.

With reference to the notice on p. 454 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th February, relative to the projected establishment at the Hook of Holland of a ship reporting agency, styled the "New Waterway Ship Reporting Agency," the Board of Trade are notified by the Foreign Office that there is not at present much prospect of this scheme being carried into effect. (D.C.I. 6,717.)

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

CANADA.

Coal Output in Alberta in 1916.

The Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports, under date 21st February, that, according to official statistics, the output of coal in the Province of Alberta in 1916 amounted to 4,648,604 tons, as compared with 3,434,891 tons in 1915, and with the former record output of 4,306,346 tons in 1913.

The coal content of Alberta is estimated at 89,330,000,000 tons, of which probably 80,000,000,000 tons would be classed as lignite, and the balance as anthracite and bituminous, the latter variety predominating.

(D.C.I. 14,582.)

RUSSIA.

Output of Salt in the Urals during Jan.-Aug., 1916.

According to the "Torgovo Promyshlennaya Gazeta" (Petrograd) of 8th/21st January, the output of salt in the Urals during the first eight months of 1916 amounted to 9,941,314 pouds, which represents a decline of 2,328,536 pouds as compared with the output during the corresponding period of 1915.

Output of Coal in the Urals during Jan.-Aug., 1916.

The same issue of the "Gazeta" states that the total output of coal in the Urals during the first eight months of 1916 amounted to 51,522,730 pouds, representing an increase of 8,179,617 pouds as compared with the output during the corresponding period of 1915.

Production of Iron and Steel in Jan.-July, 1916.

The "Gazeta" of 11th/24th January states that the production of pig-iron in Russia during the first seven months of 1916 amounted to 124,755,000 pouds, as compared with 122,552,000 pouds for the corresponding period of 1915. For the same periods the figures for the production of semi-manufactured iron and steel were 148,802,000 pouds and 145,110,000 pouds, respectively, whilst those for finished iron and steel were 116,532,000 pouds and 115,884,000 pouds respectively.

1,000 pouds = 16 tons (about).

SPAIN.

Diatomaceous Earth: *Sample on View.*

H.M. Consul-General at Barcelona (Mr. C. S. Smith) has forwarded a sample of Spanish diatomaceous earth, together with an analysis of the same, of which the quantity available for export is said to be 100 tons and probably more. The price is £6 per ton, put up in ordinary sacks and f.o.b. Spanish port, including general and war insurance to British port.

The sample, etc. may be inspected by British firms at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

[*Note.*—It should be noted that the import of diatomaceous earth is at present prohibited except under licence.] (D.C.I. 11,357.)

ITALY.

Measures for Increasing Production, etc., of Fuel.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" (Rome) of 26th February publishes a Decree conferring upon a Committee, which has been appointed, powers to take any steps that may be considered necessary for increasing the production and securing the most economic use of fuel in Italy. The Committee may, *inter alia*, (1) temporarily suspend, without compensation therefor, the activities of any person or persons engaged in the fuel industry who may, through incompetence, be held to be preventing the maximum advantage being derived from the production or use of fuel; (2) fix and pay compensation to private persons or undertakings of whose operations the Committee may avail itself; (3) establish premiums for and defray expenses of boring; and (4) reduce the duration of existing mining permits.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Increased Output of Potash in 1916. See notice on p. 837.

TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MATERIALS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 15th March, 1917, was 92,418 (including 186 bales British West African), and the number imported during the eleven weeks ended 15th March, 1917, was 935,969 (including 338 bales British West Indian, 2,083 bales British West African, 7,527 bales British East African, and 1,679 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 15th March, 1917, was 2,638, and during the eleven weeks 98,571.

For further details see p. 842.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 22nd March, 1917, was 38,054, and the number imported during the twelve weeks ended 22nd March, 1917, was 974,023 (including 338 bales British West Indian, 2,083 bales British West African, 7,527 bales British East African, and 1,679 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 22nd March, 1917, was 800, and during the twelve weeks, 99,371.

For further details see p. 842.

BARBADOS.

Ginned Cotton Shipped in 1916.

The Acting Colonial Secretary at Bridgetown reports, under date 6th February, that in 1916 the number of bales of ginned cotton shipped from Barbados was 265, weighing 143,024 lb. and of an estimated value of £9,933. This figure includes 3 bales of linters,* weighing 1,264 lb., valued at £21. The quantity of ginned cotton shipped in 1915 was 309,554 lb. (D.C.I. 14,823.)

JAPAN.

Experiments in Sheep-breeding for Wool Production.

With reference to the notice on pp. 541-2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th November last relative to measures taken by the Japanese Government for the encouragement of the production of wool in Japan, H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E F. Crowe, C.M.G.) reports, under date 11th January, that, according to a statement in the local press, the Japanese Department of Agriculture propose to import, for breeding purposes, 200 sheep annually during the next five years. Some doubt appears to exist, however, as to whether sheep-breeding can be successfully carried on in Japan, the climate and grass in that country not being considered entirely suitable. (D.C.I. (14,165.)

* Linters is the fine cotton adhering to the seed after the ginning process is completed.

AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices. The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 24th March, 1917, were as follows:—

Wheat	80s. 3d.
Barley	65s. 6d.
Oats	50s. 4d.

For further particulars see p. 841.

Imports of Agricultural Produce. Statements are published on pp. 843-4 showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the weeks ended 17th and 24th March, 1917, as compared with the imports during the corresponding weeks of the three previous years.

SPAIN AND CANARY ISLANDS.

Vintage of 1916. According to the February issue of the official "Boletin de Agricultura Técnica y Económica" (Madrid) the area under vines in **Spain** (including the Balearic Islands) in 1916 amounted to 1,278,632 hectares, as against 1,240,910 hectares in 1915.

Owing to unusually favourable weather conditions an abundant harvest was gathered in, the total yield of grapes amounting to 39,384,725 metric quintals, as against 16,465,526 metric quintals in 1915, and 27,937,622 metric quintals in 1914. The grapes used for wine-making in 1916 amounted to 27,030,578 metric quintals and the yield of "must" to 23,272,582 hectolitres, as compared with 8,638,190 hectolitres in 1915, and 16,138,296 hectolitres in 1914.

The following figures give a comparison of the production of grapes and of "must" in the principal vine-growing regions of **Spain** during the last three years:—

—	1914.		1915.		1916.	
	Production of Grapes.	Production of Must.	Production of Grapes.	Production of Must.	Production of Grapes.	Production of Must.
	Metric Quintals.	Hectolitres.	Metric Quintals.	Hectolitres.	Metric Quintals.	Hectolitres.
New Castille	2,418,403	1,267,118	1,632,968	794,655	4,863,969	2,620,642
La Mancha and Estremadura	4,377,868	2,484,416	3,826,519	2,118,001	5,892,362	3,330,121
Aragon and Rioja	1,528,127	929,477	385,951	223,57[illegible]	2,541,934	1,580,990
Galicia and Asturias ...	1,603,253	892,451	1,820,712	1,082,846	2,225,124	1,374,174
Catalonia	9,543,744	[illegible],202,202	2,272,991	1,186,304	11,126,499	7,373,042
Eastern Provinces ...	2,780,235	1,503,632	2,145,[illegible]88	1,249,0[illegible]	5,513,805	4,300,338
Andalusia...	3,264,545	1,358,698	2,740,569	1,034,200	3,223,924	1,232,[illegible]23

As regards the **Canary Islands**, the harvest was again a very good one. The yield of grapes was 195,170 metric quintals, and of "must" 123,485 hectolitres, as compared with 233,880 metric quintals and 151,790 hectolitres respectively in 1915, and 61,385 metric quintals and 29,734 hectolitres in 1914.

Hectare = 2·47 acres. Metric quintal = 220·46 lb. Hectolitre = 22 gallons.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ITALY.

Production of Cellulose from Seaweed.

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. R. G. Macbean, M.V.O.) reports, under date 10th March, that, according to the local press, a patent has been granted in Italy for a process, the discovery of a local inventor, for the production of cellulose pulp from seaweed, for the manufacture of paper. The patentee intends to establish a factory for producing cellulose, and also a paper mill. (D.C.I. 14,551.)

RUSSIA.

Production, Sale, etc. of Chemically Pure Saccharine.

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Petrograd (Mr. H. Cooke) reports that the official "Bulletin of Laws" (Petrograd) of 11th/24th February publishes an Imperial Decree of 8th/21st February suspending, during the period of the war, the restrictions and prohibitions, *so far as regards chemically pure saccharine*, which are enjoined by existing laws and regulations governing the production and sale of artificial sweetening substances in Russia. The Department of Public Health is to draw up regulations for the supervision of the production, import from abroad, transport, and keeping in stock of chemically pure saccharine, as well as for trading in this commodity. The manufacture of saccharine in unauthorised establishments in Russia is prohibited. (D.C.I. 14,609.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Increased Output of Potash in 1916.

According to "Commerce Reports" (Washington) of 23rd February, the Geological Survey of the United States has reported that the production of potash in that country increased greatly during 1916, and that the output for 1917 will probably be much greater.

The total production of potash salts and potash products in the United States in 1916 amounted to about 10,000 tons (of 2,000 lb.) of potash (K_2O), of a net value at point of shipment of at least 3,500,000 dols., calculated at prevailing selling prices. This is ten times the value of the production reported for 1915, but the returns made by many of the producers represent only a commencement of production towards the end of 1916.

The production of K_2O reported for 1916 may be summarised as follows:—*From mineral sources*:—Natural salts or brines, 3,850 tons; and alunite and silicate rock, including furnace dust recoveries, 1,900 tons.

From organic sources:—Kelp, 1,110 tons; pearl-ash (mostly from hard wood ashes), 220 tons (returns were received from only 23 producers out of a list of 70); and miscellaneous industrial waste, 1,750 tons.

The total output was thus 8,830 tons of K_2O, of which 5,750 tons were derived from mineral sources and 3,080 tons from organic sources.

The largest output has been obtained from the Nebraska alkali lakes, but the natural saline deposits elsewhere are beginning to make important contributions.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.*

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of February, 1917, have been published, and may be purchased* at a cost of 1s. 3d. per copy (post free 1s 7d.).

Attention is called to the fact that the two volumes of the "Annual

* Copies of Government publications may be purchased through any Bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2., and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, and other Foreign Countries, of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C. 2.

Government Publications.

Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1915 have been issued, and may be purchased* at a cost of 5s. 10d. (post free 6s. 5d.) for the first volume, and 4s. 3d. (post free, 4s. 9d.) for the second. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1911-1915, and detailed statements of imports and exports of principal articles consigned from and to specified countries; and in the second volume particulars of the imports from the various countries returned for consumption, details as to Customs revenue, transhipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.*

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" (price 1d., post free 3d.) is published by the Board of Trade about the 15th of each month. The following are among the more important contents of the March issue:—State of the Labour Market in the United Kingdom in February; Migration of Women's Labour through the Employment Exchanges; New Law on Accident Insurances in Denmark; Employment in Germany, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Russia, and the United States; Course of Retail Prices of Food in the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States; Employment of Women in Industries; and Reports on Employment in the Principal Industries.

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

The following Report has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

No. 918. St. Lucia, 1915-16. Price 1d. (post-free 1½d.).

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Dominions Royal Commission.—Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions. (*Cd.* 8462.) *Price* 2*s.* 6*d.* (*post free* 2*s.* 11*d.*).

This is the Final Report of the Royal Commission which was appointed in 1912 to investigate the natural resources, trade, etc., of the Dominions (including Newfoundland). The Report contains, *inter alia*, a general survey of the natural resources (agricultural, mineral, and forest, as well as in regard to fisheries and water power of each of the Dominions; suggestions for the conservation and development of natural resources in the future, an important recommendation being that an immediate survey should be undertaken of the relation between Empire production and Empire requirements of these materials and commodities, such survey to be made by an Imperial Development Board. As showing the nature of the work, preliminary notes as to the consumption and supplies of certain minerals and other commodities in the British Empire are given in an appendix. The external trade of the Dominions is reviewed in Chapter III., where certain suggestions are made for the promotion of inter-Imperial commerce. Chapter XII. discusses three questions of considerable importance to the future of inter-Imperial trade, namely, the Trade Intelligence arrangements now in force in various parts of the Dominions, the statistical systems of the Empire, and the value of various types of Exhibitions in the promotion of trade.

Existing legislation bearing upon trade is dealt with and suggestions offered for unification of such legislation. A chapter is devoted to Empire Development and Organisation, in which the main functions of the proposed Imperial Development Board are sketched out.

Return showing the estimated quantity of coal raised in the United Kingdom in each quarter of the year 1916, compared with particulars for the corresponding periods of 1915 and 1914. H.C. 51. Price ½*d.* (*post free* 1*d.*)

This Return comprises the following tables:—(*a*) production of coal at mines in the United Kingdom during each quarter of 1916, compared with

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particulars of the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914; (*b*) time lost at coal mines during certain holiday periods in 1914, 1915, and 1916; and (*c*) output, exports and consumption during certain periods of 1913, 1914 and 1916.

Post Office. Report of the Postmaster-General on the Post Office, 1915–16 [*Cd.* 8,424.] *Price* 9*d.* (*post free* 11*d.*).

Reconstruction Committee. Part I. of the Report of the Agricultural Policy Sub-Committee, appointed in August, 1916, *to consider and report upon the Methods of Effecting an increase in the Home-Grown Food Supplies, having regard to the need of such Increase in the Interest of National Security.* [*Cd.* 8,506.] *Price* 3*d.* (*post free* 4*d.*).

Report of the Departmental Committee on Prices appointed by the Board of Trade to investigate the Principal Causes which have led to the Increase of Prices of Commodities since the beginning of the War. Second and Third Reports. Bread, Flour, and Wheat Prices; Freight charges; and Potato, Tea and Sugar Prices. [*Cd.* 8,483.] *Price* 3*d.* (*post free* 3½*d.*).

Irish Land Acts, 1903-9. *Report of the Estates Commissioners for the Year from* 1*st April*, 1915, *to* 31*st March*, 1916, *and for the Period from* 1*st November*, 1903, *to* 31*st March*, 1916. *With Appendix.* [*Cd.* 8,456.] *Price* 9*d.* (*post free* 11*d.*).

Agricultural Prices (*Ireland*). *Return showing to the latest year available, for Ireland as a whole:* (1) *the annual average Prices for each year from* 1881; (2) *the annual average Prices for each period comprised in the period from* 1881 *of* 5 *years*, 10 *years*, 15 *years*, 20 *years and* 25 *years, and for the period of* 6 *years from* 1909; *such prices to be compiled from the Returns of Prices of Crops, Livestock and other Irish Agricultural products heretofore published from time to time by the Irish Land Commission, or the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, or from other information in the possession of those Departments. H. C.* 13. *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

Statutory Rules and Orders, 1917.

Excess Profits Duty. Draft Regulations proposed to be made by the Treasury under Section 40 (3) *of the Finance* (*No.* 2) *Act*, 1915. *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

No. 186. *The Business Names Rules*, 1917. *Price* 1½*d.* (*post free* 2*d.*).

Orders by the Ministry of Food:—

No. 251. *The Freshwater Fish Order*, 1917. *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

No. 252. *The Sugar* (*Restriction*) *Order*, 1917. *Price* 1*d.* (*post free* 1½*d.*).

TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES IN LONDON OF THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

These Enquiry Offices are *maintained* in London at the following addresses by the *Governments indicated, viz.*:—

Dominion of Canada	19, Victoria Street, S.W. 1; also Portland House, Basinghall Street, E.C. 2 (Office of the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner).
Commonwealth of Australia	Australia House, Strand, W.C. 2.
New South Wales	Sydney House, 26-7, Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square, S.W. 1.
Victoria	Melbourne Place, Strand, W.C. 2.
Queensland	409, West Strand, W.C. 2.
South Australia	112, Strand, W.C. 2.
Western Australia	Savoy House, 115-6, Strand, W.C. 2.
Tasmania	56, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
Dominion of New Zealand	413, Strand, W.C. 2.
Union of South Africa...	Trades Commissioner, 90, Cannon Street, E.C. 4

Trade enquiries in regard to Rhodesia may be made at the office the British South Africa Co., 2, London Wall Buildings, E.C. 2.

FOREIGN & COLONIAL PUBLICATIONS.

The following is a list of the more important Articles on trade subjects contained in the Foreign and Colonial Publications recently received and filed for reference at the Department of Commercial Intelligence, and which are available for inspection at the Offices of the Department, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 2:—

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Agricultural, Dairy and Forest Products.

Sugar, Coffee, Cotton, etc., Markets in Brazil: Price Quotations.
"*Diario Oficial*" (Rio de Janeiro), 8th/15th Feb.

Production of Olives in Spain.
"*Bulletin de l'Office du Gouvernement General de l'Algérie*" (Paris), 1st/11th Feb.

Sugar Growing and Manufacture in Russia in 1916-17.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 21st Jan./3rd Feb.

Ground Nut Oil-Cake as a Feeding Stuff.
"*Bulletin de l'Office Colonial*" (Paris), Jan.

Skin and Fur Market at Irbit Fair.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 16th Feb./1st March.

Sugar Cane Crop of Bombay.
Mail Edition of "Times of India" (Bombay), 10th Feb.

Machinery, Hardware and Engineering.

(1) Cutlery in Canada: Proposed Manufacture of.
(2) Hardware Market in Toronto.
"*Hardware and Metal*" (Toronto), 17th Feb.

Electrification of Russian Iron and Steel Works.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 26th Jan./8th Feb.

Concrete Mixing Boats and Concreting Plants.
"*Engineering News*" (New York), 1st Feb.

Metals, Mining and Minerals.

Iron Market in Rhenish Westphalia.
"*Bremen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 9th March.

Metal Mining in Russia.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 10th March.

Graphite Production in Madagascar.
"*La Presse Coloniale*" (Paris), 14th and 21st March.

Coal Trade of Russia in 1916.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 18th/31st Jan.

Mining Industry of Indo-China.
"*La Dépêche Coloniale*" (Paris), 2nd March.

Metals, Mining and Minerals—*cont.*

Mining in West China.
"*North China Herald*" (Shanghai), 6th Jan.

World's Gold Production and Distribution in 1916.
"*L'Economiste Français*" (Paris), 3rd March.

Shipping and Transport.

Mercantile Marine Development in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 13th/26th Jan.

Railways in India.
Mail Edition of "Times of India" (Bombay), 17th Feb.

Northern Ports in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" 8th/21st Feb.

Textiles and Textile Materials.

Cotton Industry of Russia in 1916.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 27th Jan. 9th Feb.

Flax Market Conditions in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 29th Jan./11th Feb.

Commercial, Financial and Economic.

Canada: Review of War Revenue Act: Articles to which Revenue Stamps must be affixed.
"*Hardware and Metal*" (Toronto), 17th Feb.

United States of America: Review of Trade and Market Conditions in 1916.
"*Electrical World*" (New York), 3rd Feb.

Spain: Banks and Industrial Enterprises.
"*Boletin de las Cámaras de Comercio*" (Madrid), Feb.

Algeria: Trade in 1916.
"*L'Economiste Français*" (Paris), 3rd March.

Russia: Cottage Industries in 1916.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 28th Jan./10th Feb.

Indo-China: Resources of the Colony and their Utilisation.
"*Bulletin de l'Office Coloniale*" (Paris), Jan.

Harbin: Commercial Activity during the War.
"*North China Herald*" (Shanghai), 13th Jan.

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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Miscellaneous.

Paint Market in Canada.
"*Hardware and Metal*" (Toronto), 17th Feb.

Paper and Paper Production.
"*Meddelelser*" (Christiania), 10th March.

Hide Trade Situation in Germany
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 7th March.

Incandescent Gas Mantle Industry in Italy
"*Il Sole*" (Milan), 15th March.

Miscellaneous—*continued.*

Glass Trade in Bulgaria.
"*Handelsberichten*" (The Hague), 1st March.

Chemical Market at Moscow.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 31st Jan./13th Feb.

(1) News-Print Situation in Canada.
(2) News-Print Conference at Chicago.
"*Pulp and Paper Magazine*" (Montreal), 15th Feb.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

British India—Accounts relating to the Sea-borne Trade and Navigation of British India in 1915-16.

Canada—Department of Mines Reports:—
Feldspar in Canada.
Petroleum and Natural Gas in Canada.

South Africa—Department of Agriculture: Report on Maize (Mealie) Cultivation and Export.

Uganda Protectorate—Blue Book for 1915-16.

Norway—Report for 1916 of the Norwegian Co-operative Society for Trade and Industry.

United States of America—Department of Commerce Bulletin: Brazilian Markets for American Hardware.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn**, per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 24th March, 1917, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 24th March, 1917	80 3	65 6	50 4
Corresponding Week in—			
1910	33 0	23 8	18 0
1911	30 2	24 11	17 5
1912	34 4	30 3	21 8
1913	31 3	27 6	19 7
1914	31 4	25 7	18 8
1915	54 3	31 11	30 6
1916	55 11	54 6	31 4

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial Bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

STATISTICAL TABLES—*continued.*

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 11 weeks ended 15th March, 1917 :—

	Week ended 15th March, 1917.	11 Weeks ended 15th March, 1917.	Week ended 15th March, 1917.	11 Weeks ended 15th March, 1917.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales	Bales.	Bales.
American	70,275	712,002	1,723	24,068
Brazilian	3,200	5,135	—	—
East Indian	657	21,245	257	5,188
Egyptian	17,292	167,854	270	67,644
Miscellaneous	994*	29,733†	388	1,671
Total	92,418	935,969	2,638	98,571

* Including 186 bales British West African.

† Including 33[illegible] bales British West Indian, 2,083 bales British West African, 7,[illegible]7 bales British East African, and 1,679 bales foreign East African.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 12 weeks ended 22nd March, 1917 :—

	Week ended 22nd March, 1917.	12 Weeks ended 22nd March, 1917.	Week ended 22nd March, 1917.	12 Weeks ended 22nd March, 1917.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	34,365	746,367	—	24,068
Brazilian	—	5,135	—	—
East Indian	3,688	24,933	—	5,188
Egyptian	—	167,854	800	68,444
Miscellaneous	1	29,734‡	—	1,671
Total	38,054	974,023	800	99,371

‡ See Note † above.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 17th March, 1917, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the three previous years.

		Week ended—			
		21st Mar., 1914.	20th Mar., 1915	18th Mar., 1916	17th Mar., 1917.
Animals, living :—					
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number	379	17	47	7
Sheep and lambs	"	—	—	—	—
Swine	"	—	—	—	—
Horses	"	238	307	—	—
Fresh meat :—					
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen)	Cwt	248,090	182,268	134,032	52,768
Mutton " " "	"	100,367	87,386	72,872	96,822
Pork " " "	"	26,484	7,718	9,510	8,506
Meat unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen)	"	25,187	17,942	13,763	10,325
Salted or preserved meat :—					
Bacon	Cwt	96,764	140,549	189,720	88,692
Beef	"	998	1,036	3,237	182
Hams	"	17,498	23,868	45,580	10,470
Pork	"	5,658	1,517	1,234	79
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	2,739	2,842	712	548
Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	13,466	46,862	39,250	50,352
Dairy produce and substitutes :—					
Butter	Cwt	82,041	103,648	46,801	16,396
Margarine	"	30,742	32,997	48,993	66,364
Cheese	"	30,887	57,854	42,076	37,504
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—	—	—
" cream	"	115	42	502	—
" condensed	"	26,434	42,186	33,988	19,996
" preserved, other kinds	"	233	1,455	21	21
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	485,021	280,532	128,133	149,501
Poultry	Value £	31,094	48,816	20,402	16,032
Game	"	19,097	2,186	126	5
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)	Cwt	8,205	1,150	125	5,806
Lard	"	41,952	61,721	73,666	41,100
Corn, grain, meal and flour :—					
Wheat	Cwt	Particulars discontinued temporarily			
Wheat-meal and flour	"				
Barley	"				
Oats	"				
Peas	"				
Beans	"				
Maize or Indian corn	"				
Fruit, raw :—					
Apples	Cwt	34,868	98,615	43,063	16,932
Apricots and peaches	"	129	127	92	8
Bananas	Bunches	144,498	140,832	97,409	150,757
Cherries	Cwt.	—	—	—	—
Currants	"	—	—	—	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—	—	—
Grapes	"	1,495	1,064	40	19
Lemons	"	7,810	19,856	13,183	6,845
Oranges	"	203,957	147,308	206,685	114,293
Pears	"	1,098	841	62	35
Plums	"	327	459	22	52
Strawberries	"	—	—	—	—
Unenumerated	"	492	2,935	174	398
Hay	Tons	96	15	6	25
Straw	"	83	8	—	—
Moss Litter	"	1,906	772	337	265
Hops	Cwt	2,014	8,558	2,825	—
Locust beans	"	10,459	2,099	—	12,371
Vegetables, raw :—					
Onions	Bushels.	102,699	84,227	77,444	70,473
Potatoes	Cwt	9,836	3,096	831	36
Tomatoes	"	29,710	15,426	49,664	—
Unenumerated	Value £	16,930	14,975	3,557	7,393
Vegetables, dried	Cwt.	8,553	17,524	6,843	4,125
" preserved by canning	"	5,837	20,891	6,675	10,178

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.—*continued.*

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 24th March, 1917, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding weeks of the three previous years.

		Week ended—			
		28th Mar. 1914.	25th Mar. 1915.	26th Mar. 1916.	24th Mar. 1917.
Animals, living :—					
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number	269	26	17	46
Sheep and lambs	"	—	—	—	—
Swine	"	—	—	—	—
Horses	"	99	577	57	—
Fresh meat :—					
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen)	Cwt	216,557	201,006	159,605	58,647
Mutton " " "	"	99,793	135,868	76,242	32,216
Pork " " "	"	28,482	52,[illegible]	3,485	3,668
Meat, unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	"	29,664	17,897	4,001	6,861
Salted or preserved meat :—					
Bacon	Cwt.	86,614	94,698	164,071	136,053
Beef	"	335	167	347	1,484
Hams	"	19,090	14,835	31,462	16,666
Pork	"	28,482	1,308	337	1,743
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	3,007	2,042	453	249
Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	9,912	50,771	37,557	20,197
Dairy produce and substitutes :—					
Butter	Cwt.	65,830	102,878	39,587	21,887
Margarine	"	34,198	22,588	55,708	14,138
Cheese	"	45,7[illegible]4	43,362	34,651	40,131
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ...	"	—	—		—
" cream	"	299	—	347	—
" condensed	"	27,03[illegible]	21,966	29,392	27,191
" preserved, other kinds...	"	243	960	1,793	—
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	384,071	485,796	91,761	165,072
Poultry	Value £	12,572	18,780	19,711	18,821
Game	"	4,654	709	1,0[illegible]3	123
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ...	Cwt.	3,381	2,903	807	3,876
Lard	"	54,732	38,602	50,644	59,516
Corn, grain, meal and flour :—					
Wheat	Cwt.				
Wheat-meal and flour...	"				
Barley	"				
Oats	"	Particulars discontinued temporarily.			
Peas	"				
Beans	"				
Maize or Indian corn	"				
Fruit, raw :—					
Apples	Cwt.	52,803	75,390	63,126	36,846
Apricots and peaches	"	35	33	45	1
Bananas	Bunches	127,389	139,589	152,055	92,869
Cherries	Cwt.	—	—	—	—
Currants	"	—	—	—	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—	—	—
Grapes	"	1,951	187	343	5
Lemons	"	7,948	16,796	12,461	8,205
Oranges	"	179,418	167,139	310,061	27,887
Pears	"	1,043	994	426	5
Plums	"	252	284	219	—
Strawberries	"	—	—	—	—
Unenumerated	"	752	457	845	45
Hay	Tons	530	—	—	22
Straw	"	2[illegible]3	—	—	—
Moss Litter	"	1,205	903	—	192
Hops	Cwt	593	1,181	4,049	—
Locust beans	"	390	27,085	4,918	—
Vegetables, raw :—					
Onions	Bushels.	114,928	108,739	108,977	107,446
Potatoes...	Cwt	13,444	3,[illegible]76	1,054	123
Tomatoes	"	19,464	19,639	43,589	—
Unenumerated	Value £	18,955	12,692	4,780	7,890
Vegetables, dried	Cwt.	1,469	68,454	2,346	1,664
" preserved by canning ...	"	6,579	11,379	393	6,619

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The issued capital of the Company consists of 120,000 Shares of £5 each, fully paid.

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The purchasers will also be required to satisfy the Public Trustee as to their financial and technical ability to carry on the business of the Company as efficiently as heretofore, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Government.

A report upon the Company's operations and affairs has been prepared by the Company in conjunction with the Company's auditors (Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, and Co.), and with Messrs. Turquand, Youngs, and Co. Copies of this report can be obtained, subject as hereinafter mentioned, together with copies of Company's accounts up to the 31st December, 1915, on written application to the Public Trustee, Kingsway, W.C.

All applicants will be required to satisfy the Public Trustee as to any matter which he may think fit to investigate before copies of such report or accounts will be supplied.

Intending tenderers who desire to inspect the property of the Company should apply to the Public Trustee for an authority to do so.

Tenders must be delivered, sealed, to the Public Trustee, Kingsway, W.C., on or before Thursday, the 14th day of June, 1917 (Not April 2nd as Previously Advertised), at 12 o'clock noon, and marked on the envelope. "Tender, Siemens Shares."

The Public Trustee does not bind himself to accept any tender, and reserves to himself all rights in connection therewith.

Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Public Trustee.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1917.

C. J. STEWART,
Public Trustee, Custodian for England and Wales.

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410 tons of Slag Tarmac.
1,000 tons of 2½ Devon or Welsh Basalt.
14,000 gallons of Dehydrated Tar. All more or less.

Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the Surveyor, but Forms of Tender will not be issued.

Tenders, endorsed "Tarmac," "Basalt" or "Tar," and stating when the Material could be supplied, to be sent to Mr. D. L. Griffiths, Clerk, on or before 3rd April prox.

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FRED. C. UREN,
Surveyor.

Municipal Buildings, Aldershot,
19th March, 1917.

London County Council

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The Form of Tender, etc., may be obtained from the General Manager, London County Council Tramways, 62, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. 2.

No Tender received after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd April, 1917, will be considered.

The Council does not bind itself to accept any Tender.

JAMES BIRD,
Clerk of the London County Council.

PARKIN, NESS & Co.,
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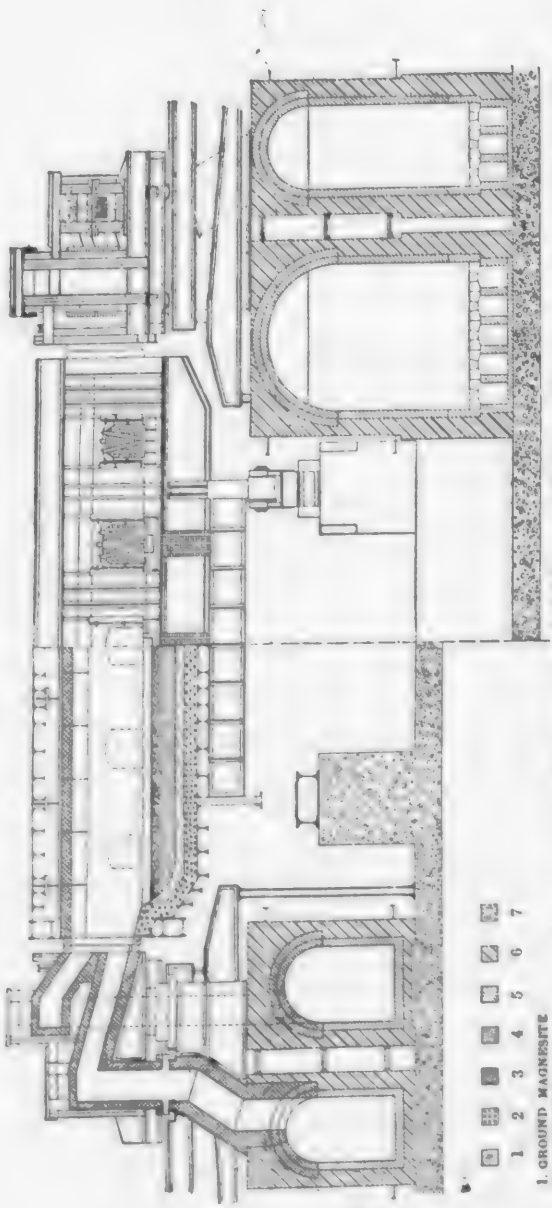

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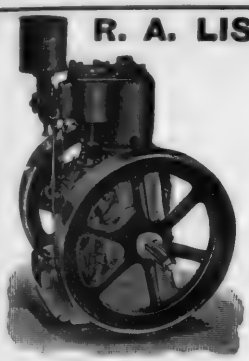

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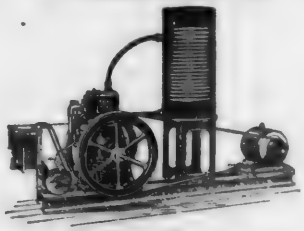

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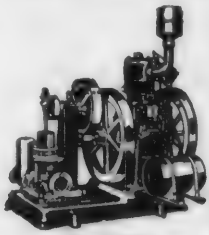

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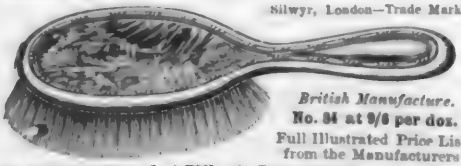
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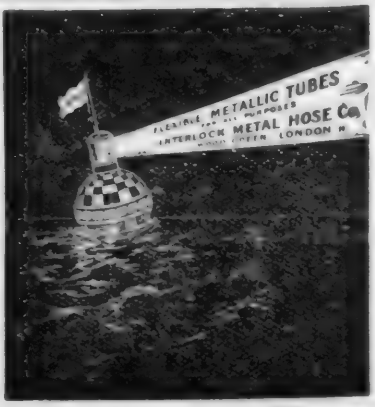

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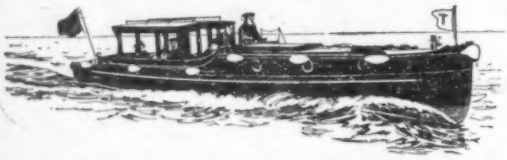

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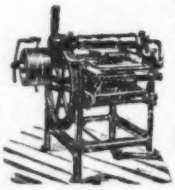

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